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IN the life of every man—at least, of every man who really has known the true meaning of life—will be found a dead wall in which there is no open door. Behind that wall are written the things of which, perhaps, he may be neither ashamed nor afraid to have the world know, but any knowledge of which he yet will admit only to his own heart.

Webster had known life, so it is not strange that in his life was such a dead wall. Early in my acquaintance with the man, it came to me to know that there were certain things about which I must not question him. Although he was one of the most genial and affable of men, one whom, through years of close companionship, I grew to know and value as a friend and to love as a brother—to know as one who placed more than an empty meaning upon the word "friend"—I found that he would not brook, even from me, any prying query as to the years of his younger manhood.

We were gold-hunters by profession. A fine, free, adventurous life it is, which lets one see every nook and corner of this round world, to know its hopes and fears, its joys and sorrows, the enthusiasm of hope and the rapture of expectation fulfilled, as well as the darkness and disaster of drear despair. Rich to-day, and to-morrow too poor to own a place wherein to lay one's head, it is not a bad life for a man who is filled with the wine of youth; but it is not a life for a married man, unless one is born under a fortunate star that makes him certain of luck wherever he goes.

It was early in our companionship when I learned that Webster had a wife; and it was at once matter of surprise for me that he did not abandon such a roving career as our occupation forced upon us, and settle down to the quiet life of the home. It is true, from my point of view, he would have missed much by so doing. For the freedom of that life gets into one's blood, and a man who has known it cannot well brook restraint or be hedged within narrow bounds.

But Webster was no longer master of his fate, as I was; and he could afford the home, for he was the luckiest gold-hunter I ever knew. But this same luck made him able to take his wife with him wherever he journeyed, and to establish her in quarters made comfortable and enriched with all that love and liberality could suggest. So it was that sometimes in the mining camps appeared a little oasis of civilization, and in that oasis a woman, who seemed little less than an angel to the rough miners, unaccustomed to the presence of femininity in their environment.



"I REACHED OUT MY HAND AND CLASPED THE ARM."

If Webster was a strange man, reticent and ever stoically keeping prying eyes from looking beyond that dead wall in his life, his wife was a stranger woman still.

I will not use empty, meaningless phrases in describing her. It may be said that she was beautiful. I do not know whether she was so by accepted standards, and at best the word is a weak one to apply to a woman such as she. But she had a pure olive skin, such as I have never seen upon any other woman, except now and then among the high-born dames of Andalusia. Under it at times was a glow of fire, as the blood coursed through the veins and surged to the surface of her oval face, that made me think of her as a living opal. I have never seen other eyes so deep as hers. In their depths one lost himself, and wondered if it were not the very soul he saw looking out at him from those deep, black, living wells. Nor have I ever seen other hair so black, nor in which vitality seemed to so abound.

Nor was this all her charm. I have had speech with many nations of the earth, but, rack my memory as I might, I could not tell what tongue it was that gave her that soft, caressing accent, that made every rough, harsh word of our uncouth English take upon itself a new meaning, that made one's pulses throb as though she had called one by some endearing name.

We were ten days out from San Francisco, we three—Webster, his wife and myself—bound for the Solomon Islands. We had secret information from a holy Mystic of the new discovery of yellow metal in one of the smaller islets of that group, and we were bound to be among the first there. Webster never was a laggard, and perhaps to that fact was due the other one to which I have already called your attention—that luck was never far distant from him. And I profited by his wisdom, and by the kindness that this older and more earnest man extended toward the youth whom he had made his friend.

As we neared the line the weather became intensely hot, and we attempted little in the way of exercise or recreation except to loiter all day under the awnings, with pipes between our lips and unread novels in our hands. It was too hot to read, too hot to talk. The sea looked to us like a vast expanse of molten silver. Its surface was unstirred by any ripple, absolutely quiet except for the long swell upon which we rolled gently forward. No breath of air moved, no cloud marred the sky of brass above us. All nature was inert, and man, following her lead, but existed. For days we had been too dull to talk. We but waited, while the successive revolutions of our wheel drove us speedily nearer and nearer our goal.

Webster seemed even more inert than any other. Usually active and vigorous, he now scarcely moved or opened his lips, from the coming up to the going down of the sun, except to remove his pipe from between them, or in the endeavor to drive away the overwhelming heat by swallowing the cooling mixture that his man brought him from time to time.

Consequently I was surprised, one afternoon, to see in his manner every indication that he was about to tell a story. We were nearing the Gilbert Islands, and someone had spoken within our hearing of the curious practice of the natives there. Webster had listened, but had, after all, apparently not been sufficiently interested to take part in the talk. But that night, when we were alone upon the deck, with only the shimmering sea and the sparkling stars and the glorious, wonderful Southern Cross gleaming above to make us know we were still in and a part of the world, he drew his steamer chair up nearer mine and, taking his pipe from his lips and knocking the ashes out upon the deck, began quietly and without preface as follows:

"The strangest thing I ever knew in these waters," he said—(I started at this, for I did not know he had ever been in the South Pacific before, except on a single voyage we had made together to Australia)—"happened just about where we are now. I was in command of a schooner that had been cruising for a couple of months along these islands, picking up what we could in the way of spoil from the natives, and perhaps not observing too closely the laws which govern trade and barter among civilized peoples. We had made a fairly profitable cruise and had gathered up some stuff, not of such great value in itself, but of a sort that is exchangeable for coin of the realm in the rich ports, and were about making for Honolulu to discharge our cargo. It had come on late into the afternoon, and I had gone into the cabin and was looking over my charts, leaving the mate on deck. I found the charts dull work, and had fallen asleep, when our Kanaka cabin-boy touched me on the shoulder and said the mate wished to see me on deck.

"I went up, and found him intently studying something afloat on the sea. He handed me the glass, saying nothing, but simply pointing at the object which had attracted him. I quickly made it out to be a small boat, but could not determine at all whether there was anyone in it. The mate saw my perplexity, and answered my unspoken question.

"I think there is someone in it, sir; had we not better lower the cutter?"

"I raised the glass again and scanned the boat long and earnestly. There was something strange and eerie in its appearance. The sea was as white and still as it is at this hour. The boat seemed scarcely to rock upon its bosom. It was all white, and made but faint contrast against the silver sheen upon which it rested. At times I fancied that it was not, and that it was but an illusion, such as will come but too often upon these hot, sunburnt seas.

"When I lowered the glass the Kanaka, with the easy familiarity which such boys are allowed on crafts of that sort, took it from me and gazed as earnestly toward the strange thing as I had done. When he handed the glass back he was trembling with fright.

"Don't go to it, sir!" he begged, his teeth chattering so that he could hardly utter the words. "It's a dead-boat, and it will bring us bad luck if we touch it, or if we interfere with it at all."

"I turned to the mate for explanation.

"Sam thinks it is a burial-boat," he said; "and, you know, these people never bury their dead, but just put them in a boat and send them adrift. Left alone, the boat drifts on to heaven. But there is another side to the story," he went on. "That is, I guess, the case with the future of all of us. If the boat is meddled with, it may be turned from its course, and then it drifts to the other place, and carries its unlucky passenger along. And then, too, the curse of the dead rests upon the one who did it."

"I had taken the glass again, and was looking intently at the boat. I could now distinguish a form lying in it at length, and thought I could discover some movement. Of this I was finally certain.

"It may be a dead-boat," I said, "but I think there is a live person in it."

"We lowered the cutter and I got in it myself, and we made way toward the drifting boat. While we were yet at some distance I found I had been right, for a human arm was lifted and waved, as if to attract our attention. But this ceased, and, as we drew nearer, all was so still that I began to have an uneasy feeling. The curious appearance of the boat added to this. It was perfectly white. A white awning was spread above it. There were white draperies in it. And in the midst of these, as I could see when we drew beside it, a white face and form, outstretched and silent, as though dead. Remembering what the mate had said, I would have left it even then, but I was certain I had seen a movement of that white arm, that lay there, naked, gleaming cold, like a piece of marble, beneath the heat of the tropical sun.

"In the boat, in a basket of rushes, were some yams and bread-fruit, and pieces of cane. And as I saw these had been touched, it gave me courage. I reached out my hand and clasped the arm. It did not feel like the flesh of one dead. I spoke, and the eyes opened and looked at me wonderingly."

Webster paused and smoked a moment, meditatively.

"Perhaps I have not told you," he said, "that it was a very beautiful young girl who was lying there?"

"An olla of water was in the boat, and I poured some of this upon her face, and, when I saw that she was reviving, I lifted her from her ghostly craft into my own, and made for the ship at once. My explanation of the matter," said Webster, bringing his narrative abruptly to an end, "was that the girl had been in a trance, and her people, thinking her dead, had started her on the road to heaven."

Of course, I wanted to know the rest of the story. But while I was thinking how to frame my question, I observed Mrs. Webster watching me closely, and as if she would speak. I waited for her words, liking always to hear the sweet music of her voice.

"She found her way to heaven," she said; "she has been in heaven ever since. And now you will no longer think it curious, my friend"—here she smiled upon me with her wonderful eyes—"that I care to be always with him who gave me life. And now that you know my story, you will never again think me a strange woman?"

Lift Up Thine Eyes

COMRADE, that seek'st the clue
Of whence and whither to,
Rather, in trust, let be
The shrouded mystery!
Brood not, but toward the skies
Lift up thine eyes!

If the sworn friendship fail,
And fleeing foes assail,
If Love, half deified,
Turn scornfully aside,
If o'er Doubt arise,
Lift up thine eyes!

Grip faith, to thee (not fate!)
In the good ultimate!
With this, from sun to sun
Until thy race be run,
And the last daylight dies,
Lift up thine eyes!

—Clinton Scollard, in *The Independent*.

Helpful Thoughts

WHEN we are alone we have our thoughts to watch; in our family, our tempers; and in society, our tongues.—*Hannah More*.

The constant duty of every man to his fellows is to ascertain his own powers and special gifts and to strengthen them for the help of others.—*Ruskin*.

The mark of a saint is not perfection, but consecration. A saint is not a man without faults, but a man who has given himself without reserve to God.—*Bishop Westcott*.

As the same blue skies smile upon the ruin which smiled upon the perfect structure, so the same beneficent providence bends over our shattered hopes and our answered prayers.—*George S. Hillard*.

Live with the light of God's love shining into your common day. Take old gifts and joys continued as though they were fresh gifts. So we can sing a new song unto the Lord every day.—*Selected*.

Give strength, give thoughts, give deeds,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself;
The more we give
The more we live.
—*Selected*.

If God made no response except to perfect faith, who could hope for health? He is the God of sprouting seeds and little vital beginnings.—*Mattie Davenport Babcock*.

You can no more filter your mind into purity than you can compress it into calmness; you must keep it pure if you would have it pure, and throw no stones into it if you would have it quiet.—*Ruskin*.

The days are ever divine. They come and go like muffled and veiled figures sent from a distant friendly party, but they say nothing, and if we do not use the gifts they bring, they carry them as silently away.—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*.

Human help is our need, human forgiveness of our wrongdoing, human love in our loneliness—these are the sacraments through which, at their sweetest and purest, we feel a divine help and forgiveness and love flowing into our souls.—*G. S. Merriam*.

Pray modestly as to the things of this life; earnestly for what may be helps to your salvation; intensely for salvation itself, that you may ever behold God, love God. Practice in life whatever you pray for and God will give it you more abundantly.—*E. B. Pusey*.

A good conscience is more to be desired than all the riches of the East. How sweet are the slumbers of him who can lie down on his pillow and review the transactions of every day without condemning himself! A good conscience is the finest opiate.—*Knox's "Winter Evenings"*.

Poverty is, except where there is an actual want of food and raiment, a thing much more imaginary than real. The shame of poverty—the shame of being thought poor—it is a great and fearful weakness, though arising in this country from the fashions of the times themselves.—*Cobbet*.

Parting and forgetting? What faithful heart can do these? Our great thoughts, our great affections, the truths of our life, never leave us. Surely, they cannot separate from our consciousness; shall follow it whithersoever that shall go, and are of their nature divine and immortal.—*Thackeray*.

What if we must bear a burden?
Have not others burdens, too?
Look about and then be thankful
That your burdens are so few.
—*Eva Williams Malone*.

All unhappiness, as all happiness, is from within. For, as St. Bernard has said, "Nothing can work me damage but myself; the harm that I sustain I carry about with me, and I am never a real sufferer but by my own fault." From the kingdom of the mind issue the edicts that govern life.—*Success*.

"Have faith and work. Believing that the will and purpose of the God who created this earth is that it shall grow unto a perfect paradise; that the object of life is to express the power and majesty of the Creator; that we should live in a state of Heaven, here and now; that a yielding to the promptings and leadings of such a Divine Spirit can only lead you in the direction and fulfillment of all that is necessary to its complete accomplishment."—*God's Will*.

Is it worth while—this falsifying and cheating and strife and discord for a few years (important years, too) of life in the flesh body, and living, eating, sleeping, acting and thinking like an animal? If Love is the open sesame to Heaven, is it not of the utmost urgency that we cultivate it and value it as the "pearl of great price"?—*Lucy A. Mallory*.

The way to obtain a good assurance indeed of our title to Heaven is not to clamber up to it by a ladder of our own ungrounded persuasions, but to dig as low as hell by humility and self-denial in our own hearts; and though this may seem to be the farthest way about, yet it is indeed the nearest and safest way to it.—*Dr. Ralph Cudworth*.

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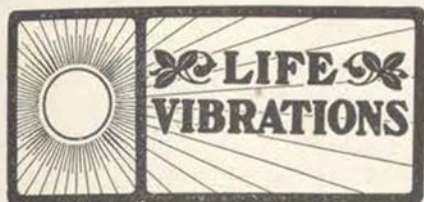
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Now there pours a blessed glory o'er the land!
The blessings of Providence are everywhere.
Life is bliss!
It is October.

"There is a hush of joy and love
Now giving hands have crowned us,
There is a heaven up above
And a heaven here around us!
And Hope, her prophecies complete,
Creeps up to pray at Beauty's feet,
While with a thousand voices
The perfect Earth rejoices!"

IT IS OCTOBER!

Let us sing a glad and grateful song of praise,
for the blessings of the great God are everywhere.

"All day and night a glory seems to fold
The wide land where October stands,
With leaves of green and scarlet, brown and gold,
Fast falling from his hands."

As the countless golden leaves fall about us in
Brown October, so doth the countless blessings of
God encompass us!

In the Autumn is the blessed providence of God
known: Thy wondrous gifts should make all the
earth worship Thee.

"Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands."

IT IS OCTOBER!

"Sing forth the honor of His Name: make His
praise glorious!"

AUTUMN IS HERE!

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the
LORD, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O Most
High."

The birds sing praises before they southward
fly.

"A bird note sounding here and there,
A bloom, where leaves are brown and sober,
Warms noons and nights with frosty air,
And loaded wagons say, October."

Blessed is he who sings songs of love and praise
in the blessed autumnal days.

Peace and Joy shall forever dwell with him.
A good and wise man loves, praises and rejoices
in all seasons, and is filled with Eternal Life.

"Blessed be the Name of the LORD from this
time forth and for ever more."

Make Up Your Mind

He might have been something—he's plenty of
brains,

And to labor he isn't averse;
Yet I'm sorry to say that the fact still remains,
He has never much coin in his purse.

He always considered just what he would do,
And would hope something better to find,
But the more that he thought, more uncertain he
grew,

And he never could make up his mind.

Quite often he might have got on the flood-tide,
And have ridden to power and wealth;

But he never felt able at once to decide
That the damp wouldn't injure his health.

If fortune would knock at his door he would wait;
To her beck and her smiles he was blind;
If he opened or followed 'twas always too late,
For he never could make up his mind.

So he's plunging along, and he's always in doubt
Whether this plan or that is the thing;

But the chances that come never linger about,
Being birds that are strong on the wing.

He's provided with salt for each fugitive tail,
And to drop it he's almost inclined;
But it's certain and sure that he always must fail,
Since he never can make up his mind.

Inspiring Poem Worth Knowing

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs,
do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner
life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

THOU ART, O GOD

By THOMAS MOORE

"The day is thine, the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
"Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter."—Psalm
lxxiv, 16, 17.

This one of the "Sacred Songs," written by Moore at Ashbourne, England, was sung by
the wife of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, a woman so remarkable for beauty and musical genius
that Sir Joshua Reynolds painted her as St. Cecilia. The air was of a song entitled "I Do
Confess Thou'rt Smooth and Fair."



THOU art, O God, the life and light
Of all this wondrous world we see;
Its glow by day, its smile by night,
Are but reflections caught from Thee.
Where'er we turn, Thy Glories Shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.

When Day, with farewell beam, delays
Among the op'ning clouds of Even,
And we can almost think we gaze
Through golden vistas into Heaven—
Those hues that make the sun's decline
So soft, so radiant, Lord! are Thine.

When Night, with wings of starry gloom,
O'ershadows all the earth and skies,
Like some dark, beauteous bird, whose plume
Is sparkling with unnumbered eyes—
That sacred gloom, those fires divine,
So grand, so countless, Lord! are Thine.

When youthful Spring around us breathes,
Thy Spirit warms her fragrant sigh;
And every flower the Summer wreathes
Is born beneath that kindling eye.
Where'er we turn, thy glories shine,
And all things fair and bright are Thine.



There is good and truth in all religions. All
religions ultimately help lead all men to God, as
all souls must ultimately come into oneness with
God. Man is an eternal spirit. An eternal spirit
is. An eternal spirit cannot be lost, destroyed nor
punished. You are that! You are that! Fear
not! The ALL-FATHER-MOTHER is Love, and you
are an eternal child of Love. Fear not! Thou
art saved! Thou wert never lost! Thou wert
never in danger of being lost!—The Blissful Prophet.

In this Age it is easier each succeeding day to
rouse the higher and purer thoughts of men. In
the past it was easier to move the lower than the
higher thoughts of man. Thirty years ago THE
MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES could not have lived; it
would have had no support.

The present-day problem is to know more.
The solution is Work.—H. G. Wells.

Universal peace is not a chimera. Universal
Love will bring it about. With the passing of
small, narrow, dogmatic creeds and religions, we
are nearing universal peace. Universal peace will
be realized when all men realize that God is love,
and His eternal abode is within the eternal soul of
all beings—men and animals.—Frank Harrison.

The need of the day is to lead people to be sin-
cere, earnest, truthful and just.—Captain Alfred
Dreyfus.

In business affairs, in the home, in politics, in re-
ligion, maintain the noble supremacy of the senti-
ment of Right! Away with all low-browed dis-
honor, with all base truckling to unprinciples, with
all compromising of the better self! Be honest!
Be earnest and sincere! In every affair and event
of life be filled with love and righteousness!—Rev.
Thomas B. Gregory.

Men need food for their souls first; feed the soul
with Love and the mind will never hunger or be
starved. So, soul culture is the first and only im-
portant thing a man need attend to. With the
soul well fed with Love, Light and Truth, all other
things are added—come naturally without effort.—
Frank Harrison.

The soulful, God-loving man has never a thought
of anger, hatred, revenge, envy, greed, lust, fear,
worry, sorrow, despondency or melancholy. A
Christ-like man shows love in every move, every
act, every deed, and his eyes and face are radiant
with love, light and beauty that are never seen in the
face of the carnal-minded.

God has filled an immense storehouse called the
Universe with all good things. He wants us to pos-
sess them. He has made us His heirs. Just so
surely as we will believe this and assert it and think
it, no matter what darkness and poverty we are
in, conditions will change, and we will come into
our own little by little.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

ABOUT THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Read and Think It Over

OUR MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING AT A TREMENDOUS RATE. THIS CLUB IS DESTINED TO BE BY FAR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ORGANIZATION OF ITS CHARACTER IN EVERY WAY IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

On this and other pages we print some of the experiences of members of this Club. We could fill all the pages of this Magazine each month with such testimonies received during the month. We ask all members to send in their experiences, as we desire to keep and preserve a record of our work.

Sister Mathilde Lehman, 443 E. 173d street, New York City, writes: "I am glad to say that I have been greatly helped and benefited by the Mystic Success Club."

Sister E. J. Mace, Zaleski, Vinton Co., Ohio, testifies to being cured of Insomnia. She writes: "I can truly say the first two Degrees have been a great blessing to me in soothing my mind and healing my body. When I commenced the First Degree I was nervous and could not sleep at night; had a severe throat trouble and coughed and was all discouraged; but now I am well and peaceful and happy. I am so thankful to the God within and the dear Mystic Club." When we reach the peaceful state, we are far on the Path, beloved, which leads to the Infinite—the Most High.

Sister Margaretta Travis, 159 Grove street, Montclair, N. J., writes a beautiful letter at the end of the work in the First Degree. She says, among other things: "I feel that I am greatly blessed in becoming a member of your grand circle of loving ones. After receiving your blessed instructions a calm serenity seemed to pervade the whole place, and I felt great inspiring influences within and around me. The first night I had a significant dream that holds a valuable lesson for me." The Spirit often reaches us in our dreams; it is important to have sweet, refreshing sleep.

Sister E. L. Millard, Box 876, Denver, Col., writes: "I am growing daily in Strength, and the Light is on my Path. Oh, how I do bless the All-Father-Mother for such great Love, Light and Wisdom!"

BELOVED MEMBERS: The way to success is not in force, but in love and by the help of the Spirit. We do great works, and get great results when we do not force things. The Mystic Way to Success is the simple yet positive way.—THE MYSTICS.

Brother Charles Daly, Box 58, East Pittsburg, Pa., writes: "It is a great blessing to me to belong to this Club, and I am glad to write that I am feeling better; my health is better than it has been in months, and I am so glad for health, and I thank God for the blessing." We have received thousands of letters like this, and with the blessed work of healing we will add thousands of members in a very little while. No club of this character ever grew at such a tremendous rate as the Mystic Success Club is growing. There is no limit to its growth. In great numbers and co-operation there is great power and strength to help the ALL.

Brother L. M. Bowers, Canal Dover, O., sends a letter full of enthusiasm and love. He says, in part: "I have worked through two degrees, and words cannot express the great benefit I have received from same. It is truly wonderful the change I have experienced since becoming a member of our Club. Beloved brothers and sisters of The Mystic Success Club, it is useless for me to endeavor to describe the blessed change I have experienced since I began with the First Degree. Had you been down in the mire as I was, and had a brotherly hand extended to you that lifted you out of the ruts of sin, you could then realize how grateful I feel. May the good work thus begun continue till each and every soul is at peace with God, the All-Father-Mother. God speed the success of our great Club."

What do all these earnest, sincere and enthusiastic letters mean? With only words of praise and thanks, does it not mean we are doing an unusual and extraordinary work in uplifting men and women to peace, happiness and success? We could fill the whole magazine each month with these letters.

Brother W. R. Edwards, 88 Brownell street, Cleveland, O., writes: "I am progressing rapidly in the Second Degree. It is the best thing anyone in the whole universe can do for himself or herself to join this Club. Please accept my prayers and sincere thanks for the great benefits received so far in the work of the First and Second Degrees."

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB

Health, Wealth, a Long, Useful and Blessed Career for You

"No Enterprise Is Too Venturesome, No Effort Too Daring"

To accomplish great things one must do the small and simple duties of life thoroughly.—A MYSTIC.



The whole world around us, and the whole world within us, are ruled by law.—THE DUKE OF ARGYLL.

Men of an extraordinary success, in their honest moments, have always sung, "Not unto us, not unto us."—Emerson.



Practice yourself, for Heaven's sake, in little things; and thence proceed to greater.—Epictetus.

HEALTH, wealth, a long, useful and blessed career is for you, beloved and eternal child of God—provided, you really aspire to realize such blessedness.

Our Club is growing in numbers at a tremendous rate, is growing in Real Power, and is one of the great and permanent movements of the world, that come along now and then, under the direction of the Eternal Spirit, for the betterment and upliftment of men.

The Club is founded on the Eternal Rock of Truth, by the Eternal Spirit, and is a simple, positive and practical movement, nourished by the Spirit and sustained by the Spirit.

Hence its great growth, its wide and far-reaching influence, and its quick, positive and lasting help to all its many sincere, earnest and fervent members.

In all the history of the world, there never was a larger and better band of Holy Brothers banded together under the bonds of universal and eternal love, for one grand and noble purpose—the uplifting of men and women from the plane of despair to the highest plane of love, light, hope, courage, faith, force and cheerful optimism.

ANY DOUBTING OR SCEPTICAL PERSON NEED BUT READ THE VOLUNTARY TESTIMONIES FROM SOME OF OUR MANY MEMBERS, PRINTED ON THESE AND FOLLOWING PAGES, TO CONVINCE HIM OF THE POWER OF OUR WORK.

We could easily fill all the pages of this Magazine, each month, with new testimonies and words of love and praise for the work of the Club—so universal and uniform and effective is the work of the great and mighty Psychic Powers of the Holy Mystic Adepts; they fire and inspire all members with a new Love, a new Light, a new Life—health, strength, peace, bliss, force and success.

We help you in a Psychic Mystic Way (Divine Way) in four months to come into blessed union and oneness with Positive and eternal Principles which overcome all dark and negative conditions.

Success and Peace depend entirely upon how positive you are, on how much of the Real Life Force or Principle of Life vibrates your whole being.

He is successful in any undertaking who has learned that "one of the first principles of success is a wholesome, positive, optimistic state of mind, accompanied by calm, deliberate judgment."

Woe, Misery, Poverty and Drudgery are due to a negative state of mind—a lack of Spirit.

A man is more or less small, weak, timid and hopeless and lacks judgment as long as he lacks the real Spirit of Life.

Come, beloved, if you are asleep and suffer we can awake you! We can take anyone out of meanness and littleness and cheapness and poverty and drudgery and disease into the eternal White Light where there can exist no negative states or conditions.

Many people keep themselves in poverty and drudgery and disease by littleness and meanness and cheapness. The hidden or occult cause of failure or success is known by the Mystic Adepts who helped to found The Mystic Success Club. These Elder Brothers of this great Club are giving to its members many simple ancient secrets of the great Mystic Orders. Many hidden or unknown laws are constantly working all about us. It is wise to know these hidden laws and great occult truths. The poor and weak and diseased should know what makes them poor, weak and diseased, and so they will, if they will but fellowship with, and listen to, these Elder Brothers of Love and Compassion.

Why not know the blessed Ancient and Mystic Way not only cheerfully to bear all the trials of Life, but to change and transmute them into endless blessings?

Nothing in the whole universe can bear down on you with special heaviness if you really know THE WAY—to overcome all adverse conditions, all "misfortune."

We quickly show you how you can quickly turn all "misfortunes" into blessed stepping-stones to the greatest and highest success.

All events in your earth life, so-called "good" or "bad" events, are either blessed stepping-stones that you may reach higher or else millstones that will hold you down.

And it is you, beloved, who makes your life either a series of blessed stepping-stones to the Most High or else fumble and stumble through it in pain and misery, bound down with a heavy millstone around your neck.

Oh, what a blessing it is to be filled and thrilled all the time with the blessings of Life, Vigor, Purposeful Force and Peace and Bliss!

And, beloved, you can have all these blessings—Health, Wealth, A Long, Useful and Blessed Career—if you will but enter into the true and everlasting Path of True Life, under the guidance of the Mystic Adepts.

We and the Elder Brothers of our great and blessed Club will take you gently by the hand and lead you in a simple, broad way, to all peace, bliss and happiness here and now—to all success.

Do you doubt this?

If you doubt we again ask you to read thoughtfully in the silence, and with your own soul, all the many voluntary letters or testimonies from members printed on these pages. Our plan is exceedingly simple; is exceedingly successful.

The Mystic Adepts say the way to Truth and Freedom and eternal Bliss is a BROAD WAY—it is never a dark or narrow way, as has been taught in the past by zealots and fanatics without knowledge or wisdom.

By our mystic, psychic and occult way, in only four months, we place the loyal member on the Path of Eternal Success.

This is our plan as formulated and carried out by great Mystic Adepts, Seers, Sages and Prophets:

FIRST—Lead you to HEALTH. (First month.)

SECOND—Lead you to RECEPTIVITY. (Second month.)

THIRD—Lead you to PERSONAL MAGNETISM. (Third month.)

FOURTH—Lead you to REALIZATION. (Fourth month.)

Remember THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB operates in a *practical* and *positive* way with a true co-operative principle, unlimited in scope; we work with *you*, and *you* with us, in perfect harmony, under the broad and eternal co-operative law.

This is the beginning of the great Golden Age of Co-operation; competition and strenuous strife will from now on gradually give way to co-operation, and then the world will be truly successful.

We are helping thousands of loyal members from poverty, drudgery and disease to opulence, freedom and perfect health.

AGAIN, WE ASK YOU TO READ ALL THE TESTIMONIES ON THESE PAGES, AND REMEMBER WE HAVE NOT SPACE TO PRINT ALL WE RECEIVE.

No more dark days for our members! What a blessing!

The loyal members of this Club have no dark days. How full and complete and joyful is a life lived in the pure, clear WHITE LIGHT!

Now, aspiring souls, it will be well for you to know this one truth: The owner, publishers, editors, writers and great Mystic Adepts connected with THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES are men and women who have RECOGNIZED and REALIZED—who are pre-eminently successful—who can help You.

This Magazine came to the world unannounced and unheralded, and is the phenomenal success in magazine publishing—all glory be to the Light of the Spirit—to God.

For a long time we have been formulating and perfecting plans to make THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB the most perfect, forceful and helpful organization in the world.

AND LIKE ALL THINGS WE DO IN SPIRIT, IT, TOO, IS SUCCESSFUL, AND IS A FITTING AND BEAUTIFUL DEMONSTRATION OF THE INNER POWER OF MAN.

This Club is a tremendous success; all its great number of loyal members are reaching success; and through it we are doing a part of the blessed works promised for this Twentieth Century by the Sages, Seers and Prophets—healing all diseases and abolishing drudgery and poverty.

Distinctly understand, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is in no way a money-making organization. We have set aside a large sum of money to make it a grand success, and in turn for what we do for you in helping to make you successful and happy, we will expect you to help us to *partly* pay the expenses of supporting the Club (printing, postage, clerks, etc.).

To that end each member becomes a yearly subscriber to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES at one dollar, and gets three (3) friends to subscribe for the Magazine at one dollar a year, sending us the three subscribers, with three dollars. Upon receipt of the three subscribers, with three dollars, you are entered on our membership books as a *full life member*, with no further dues or payments of any kind whatsoever. We then mail you the First Degree (Health Degree), which, if you will work out, giving to it a little time each day, will put you on the road to perfect and permanent health. At the end of thirty days we mail you the Second Degree (for Receptivity); in thirty days more the Third Degree (Attractiveness; or, Personal Magnetism), and in thirty days more the Fourth or final Degree, which prepares you for full Realization. It takes four months to work through the four degrees, and you are then in a far more healthy, receptive and attractive condition than you ever thought of being here on the earth-plane of existence. Some will develop the most perfect clairvoyant and clairaudient powers, which are always helpful to success; *all* will be more successful than they ever thought possible. Now, at the end of four months is the *real* beginning of *real* and *permanent* success.

At the end of four months all of your Psychic-Mental powers will have been developed to a most wonderful degree, and new doors will open to you for success, and Life will be beautiful.

Read this department each month, which will print about success, the growth of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, special success and achievements of individual members, etc.

In conclusion, remember you become a life member of THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB, and will receive our daily vibrations that we send out in the Silence, upon becoming a subscriber for one year, at one dollar, to THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, and securing three more subscriptions from three friends, at one dollar each. If you are already a subscriber, then send three subscribers, with three dollars; if not, then send three subscribers and your own subscription, with four dollars. We will immediately enter your name as a Life Member on our books and send you one degree each month. There are no further dues, assessments or payments to be made.

Come, beloved—we speak to you in love, sincerity and earnestness—join hands with us for life, and help us spread the glad song of love, hope, health, courage, optimism and success to the whole world.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it.

Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is organized and founded by men and women who have realized tremendous success, and it will be in a prosperous and forceful condition as long as there is one discouraged soul on this planet.

A great Mystic Adept, who has realized all that is successful, will have encouraging and hopeful words printed here in this department each month.

Each member of this Club becomes a determined and purposeful conqueror of discordant and adverse conditions of Life, *now* and *here*.

In a while, each member assists others to rise and realize the fullness and wholeness of Life.

It is a grand union of eternal souls for self-expansion and all-expansion—for Growth, Progress, Enthusiasm and Optimism.

We bring out in you, beloved, all the resources of your soul, heart and mind.

We fit you for the highest and noblest service—the highest and noblest success.

No power can ever take away from you what we give.

We help you to make your Life, *now* and *here*, larger, broader and grander in every way.

With holy love, peace and good-will to *all* beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success,

THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB,

Care of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES,

22 North William Street, New York City, U. S. A.

N. B.—We desire members from all parts of this great and blessed planet.

Brother W. L. McCray, Bluefield, W. Va., writes: "After finishing the First Degree, I feel more cheerful and hopeful, and am much encouraged. I attribute this to the Unseen Forces." Good, brother! Always give praise and glory to the Unseen Universal Spirit—God—for all blessings.

Brother F. Sebold, Warren, Texas, at the end of work in the Second Degree, reports: "I am improving daily in health, strength, love, light, knowledge and wisdom, after living in darkness so many years. May God bless the founders and all the members of The Mystic Success Club."

Sister Sara M. Linthicum, 1100 Clifton place, Baltimore, Md., writes: "Dear Brother Mystic No. 7—Sometime ago I wrote you for your prayers to help me, and I want to thank you for the help you have given me. I plainly feel your vibrations and receive much help from the Unseen Force. I am now working my Second Degree, and am gaining health. May God, the All-Father-Mother, bless and help us *all*." And He will, beloved sister. Do not thank us Mystics, but give all praise, honor and glory to the Spirit; we are merely channels or mediums through which universal and eternal Spirit works.

Sister Lue Ott, Daytona, Fla., writes: "There is not a day that I am not helped." We receive many short expressions like this. All loyal members of this Club are helped hourly, during the whole twenty-four hours of each day. Much of our work is done in the blessed silence of the night, and many members are better reached by the Psychic Adepts while the member is asleep. Our work is done in an entirely different manner than is that of any other similar organization. By this we do not wish to infer that other organizations are not doing good and blessed work along these lines. God has many and divers ways to reach, teach and win souls. *All is good!*

Brother M. J. Stuckert, Spring Valley, Ill., writes: "Dearly beloved brothers and sisters of The Mystic Success Club—I have completed my first degree. My disease has been pronounced diabetes. I am much surprised and happy at the results obtained in the work of the First Degree (Health Degree). At times I think I am entirely well and cured. All that seems to remain now is a slight irritation. God be with you all. Thanking you, my dearly beloved brothers and sisters, for all you have done for me, I am always yours in brotherly love. I wish you all happiness, peace and success." When the healing is not complete at the end of the First Degree (Health Degree) it is well under way and will soon be perfect, if you *loyally* hold to the thoughts we give you. In most cases healing is *immediate* and *permanent*. Our "distant" treatments, given to all members who need them, work quickly and effectually. Space to the healing Mystic Adepts makes no difference. The omnipresent Spirit does not recognize Time nor Distance.

Sister Clarence Roan, Bristol, Fla., writes: "I am a life member of The Mystic Success Club. It does seem such a great blessing to live in touch with so many blessed true souls in this good work." Yes, beloved, there is peace and joy in being one with such a club and its work. All members feel that way, and in thus feeling there is a mighty mystic power for progress.

Sister Gudair-Adam, No. 1222 Bush street, San Francisco, in a long letter filled with universal love vibrations, among other things, says: "This is but the fifth day since I received my First Degree, but I must write to you; I cannot keep from writing to tell you how much I love you all, and that at last in this Club I have found the real help that I have felt all my life I must have. I have read the beautiful book you send with the First Degree so many times that already I almost know it by heart. It is so true, beautiful and inspiring; and, do you know, so much of it I have been asking God for these many years. These five days that I have been a member of our blessed Club I feel that I have gained more than in all the years of my life before. Oh, I thank you! I thank you! I feel new life, new strength and new hope. I ask for the prayers and treatments of Mystic No. 7 for general strength and light." Beloved, you will receive special treatments. You are now on the way to realize all your ideals. Psychometrically we can always discern from letters where special treatments are needed, and always give them to all members. The work of this Club is deeper and more far-reaching than appears on the surface. All loyal, earnest members soon come to realize that they have permanently changed their whole lives for improvement and advancement—grand success.

We receive only words of praise and blessings from our members. In such a large membership as we now have it would be supposed that we could not reach and please all. But the consensus of opinion of our members can be summed up in a few words that we have selected from a large bundle of letters, viz., "What you do is beautiful and helpful; you teach us *right action*; the Power of Spirit is amazing."

About the Mystic Success Club

Are you sick and weary? Would you realize and actualize your ideals? Would you have perfect and permanent health here and now? Would you exist here and now in Peace, Power and Purpose and possess all the blessings of life? If you would have all the blessings and live the life, as God intends you should do, then, beloved, fellowship with the Mystic Success Club. Read all about this great and blessed Club in another part of this issue of the Magazine. This Club is the great Psychic Power of this great age of Light to help man to realize the fulness and richness of Life now and forever after.

Insomnia, nervousness, fret and worry are quickly and permanently cured as soon as you become a loyal and earnest member and worker in the Mystic Success Club.

Psychic Magnetism that attracts and holds all blessings, and compels all to love you, develops in the highest degree in all loyal members of the Mystic Success Club.

Read the many voluntary, convincing and positive letters or testimonies from members of the Mystic Success Club, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine. These remarkable letters are spontaneous writings from the souls of many who have been quickly and permanently lifted from disease to health by the mystic power of the Eternal Spirit. It will be seen at a glance that these voluntary expressions are made in holy universal love, and clearly indicate the mighty power of this blessed Club to help all of its members to realize quickly and permanently new life, new hope and new courage. What a blessed work the great All Good has given this Club to do! All praise, all honor, all glory be to the All-Father-Mother of Being!

The great Mystic Adepts never experiment in leading their brothers to the Most High. In helping you to success they are guided solely and wholly in Love, by Universal Love. Their works speak more than words. Read some of the many letters or testimonies from the members of The Mystic Success Club, printed elsewhere in this issue of the Magazine.

If you are an orthodox Christian or Jew, come and fellowship with us. If you are bound and ground by creeds and dogmas and fear, come and join us, and we will help to make you free. All are welcome—Christian, Jew, Buddhist, Atheist, Infidel, Pagan, Agnostic. We are all eternal brothers, children of one All-Father-Mother. Come, let us get together, in Holy Love, and be blessed, and do blessed works, in divine co-operation, for the good of the Whole—the All. Come, let us cast away our tags and labels and know we are all brothers, all going onward, forward, and upward by the Inward Light, to one goal—infinite perfection. One of the Mystic Adepts of the Mystic Success Club.

THERE CAN BE NO ONENESS WITH PROVIDENCE UNTIL WE HAVE THAT LOVE AND FAITH THAT CASTETH OUT FOREVER ALL FEAR AND ALL DOUBT. IN A SIMPLE MYSTIC WAY, THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB SHOWS YOU HOW TO BE FEARLESS. THIS IS THE ANCIENT WAY—THE ETERNAL WAY—TO ALL TRUE SUCCESS.

Sister Helen Cook, 641 Quinipiac avenue, New Haven, Conn., an aspiring soul, writes: "I am now filled with the beauty of all things; I seem to be like a great magnet that draws all good toward me. You have helped me wonderfully. May God bless and aid each brother and sister of this great and blessed Club."

Sister A. W. Gregg, Dawkins, Ind., is a sweet, earnest soul, with the highest ideals. She writes: "I am more than pleased with the results of my work in this Club. I rejoice in the privilege of being a life member. There is an awakening in me that I cannot explain, but I know it is for great and permanent good. I know I am receiving helpful vibrations daily, and I know, too, that these vibrations are powerful and far-reaching, and are doing great good. They cannot fail to reach and brighten many lives, and bring peace and harmony into many homes. Let us each be grateful for the great good we are accomplishing through our Club. In union there is strength. So, beloved brothers and sisters, let us all rejoice that we are so strongly united that our massed vibrations will in time surround the universe and reach each aspiring soul therein. Let us give earnest prayers for each and all of our mystic members, and for the dear brother Adepts who are so nobly working for the benefit of all humanity." With a few more blessed souls like Sister Gregg, we can hope to do a great and mighty work in melting the hearts of men and merging them in one great heart, aglow and aflame with universal love.

Sister Letha Matthews, Dime Box, Texas, is of a very loving and hopeful nature. She writes: "You have helped me fill my heart with love for all. I feel better mentally and am much stronger physically, and feel more hopeful and happy than ever before. I feel like bursting forth in one glad song of praise and thanksgiving—I am so happy. God bless each of you in the great work you are engaged in." And God bless you, sister. We will hold and treat you for more light, understanding and wisdom. All of our treatments are powerful; they are given in the Spirit only because we love all—because we are fervent universal lovers.

Sister F. M. Czamowski, Martinez, A. T., is a cheerful, aspiring soul. She writes: "I now feel so hopeful, cheerful and buoyant; do not worry about the future any more, but just feel and know everything will be all right. We find this world so much more beautiful

and pleasant to live in if we always love God, and look for the good, pure, noble and beautiful in everyone and all things. I thank you all for all the good, kind, helpful thoughts I have received and with all good health, happiness and success."

Sister Clara Ella Hyde, Fairview, Mass., is making splendid progress. In a beautiful letter, among other things, she writes: "I can truthfully and thankfully say that my health is much better, and that my mind is now calm and serene, more so than ever before. I wish the Club every success."

Brother J. A. Whelan, 1310 Portage street, Kalamazoo, Mich., is experiencing the grandeur and beauty of a new life. He writes: "As I do the work of the degrees my very soul seems to swell with new feelings. Your words are food to my life. Thanks many times for such a sweet privilege of being a life member of our blessed Club. I feel your vibrations so plainly, and they thrill me and make me feel so good. I ask the prayers of all members." We suggest to all members to pray for all the brothers and sisters that ask for prayers—pray that they may have more love, more light, more spirit, more truth and more wisdom.

Brother E. A. Noblett, 354 Hunter street, Ossining, N. Y., is filled with brotherly love and does a great work in helping brothers in misery whenever he can. Pray for him, brothers and sisters.

Sister M. E. Bogert, Belleville, N. J., is a grateful spirit and a warm friend of the Magazine, doing all she can to increase its circulation. She writes: "I must tell you I am so thankful to be a member of this great Club; words cannot express my feelings. I think of the dear Club every night and morning, and I will succeed in realizing my ideals, with God's help."

Sister Katherine Jones, Montclair, Ind., feels very grateful for her progress and especially for the cure of insomnia, from which she has long suffered. She writes: "I thank you most earnestly for your efforts in behalf of humanity, and praise God from whom all blessings flow for what you have already done for me. In working the First Degree I have slept well every night during the thirty nights, something I have been unable to do for years. This alone is a great blessing. I send love and good will to all." Beloved, you are now to live in peace and joy, and your healing will be permanent, if you continue to place all your trust and hope in the Ancient Physician—God.

Sister Maria Ottenhart, West End Station, St. Louis, Mo., is a pure spirit, making great headway in realizing the eternal Blessed State here and now. She says: "I can say with my heart's delight my health is greatly improved. Many thanks to all the blessed souls, in the name of God, for your help." And beloved, your advancement will be most rapid from now on, as you live and vibrate with the Spirit.

Sister Maria R. Smith, 160 Miller street, Utica, N. Y., is a forceful spirit, and is doing much for the Club and our Magazine. She writes: "After working the Third Degree, there came to me a strangely beautiful deliverance from the old darkness. I cannot be thankful and grateful enough to God, the Blessed Angels, the Holy Mystics and the beloved brothers of the Mystic Success Club for what I have already realized of peace, content, hope, courage, love and harmony in my daily life. I am very thankful that I live here and now in the new, and receive these loving blessings. My trust and faith do not falter, and now with calm assurance I take up my Fourth Degree, knowing that all my aspirations and hopes will be fulfilled and realized just as God and the Blessed Angels see my need. My four degrees will be sacredly kept, for from them, especially the First Degree, am I indebted for Health, Peace and Happiness. THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is a mine of wealth in knowledge and vibrations for all good. I shall do all I can for our Magazine and our blessed Club. I cannot tell you of all the great good I have received since becoming a member of the Club; every day, every hour, I have reason to thank God and you for the many benefits received. God bless you and all!"

Brother Francis Charles Geiger, Parkersburg, W. Va., an earnest spirit, writes in love: "I know your way is right, and the only right way. God will bless you, your work and the Brotherhood. It is bringing me nearer to truth, understanding and a comprehension of the great God and true Christianity." Beloved brother, you are far on the Path. A little more prayer for Love and Light only, a little more patience, and all will be serene and peaceful with you, and yours.

Sister Mary G. Woods, 36 Ash street, New Bedford, Mass., sends us a letter vibrating with universal love. She says, in part: "I am so thankful and joyful in the thought that I am a member of a band of great souls, banded together to help each other and all. How blessed!—to feel and know I am an eternal child of an eternal All-Father-Mother, and that all are the same. I send love, peace and good will to all."

Sister Jane Wilson, North Powder, Ore., is very strong psychically, and is making great progress in her work in the degrees. She writes: "I have great happiness now. I feel the vibrations from my brothers daily. I thank God I have been privileged to become a life member of such a mighty band of earnest, powerful souls. I love our MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES; it has been a great comfort to me for the last two years; I would not do without it. May God bless it and all who are connected with it. I ask for prayers of all members that I may become perfectly whole. May God bless each member of the Club, and enlarge the work of the Club."

Sister Emily F. Rickman, Bensville, Ind., is an aspiring soul seeking for light, more light. She writes: "The work of the First Degree

has brought me great joy. I thank God I am getting well and stronger. I have had severe nervous spells and headaches for several years, but now I am over that. God bless our Club and the Magazine."

Sister Sabree J. Larsen, Grand Forks, B. C., is by the Power of the Spirit making great progress. In writing about the results of her work at the end of the First Degree, she says, in part: "I have had joy in working this First Degree, and know I have received much benefit spiritually, mentally and physically. In my calm sleep I get a holy sensation that seems like magnetic waves. The work is beautiful, inspiring and impressive. I hope, sometime, to be able to make others as happy as the Mystic Success Club has made me. May God bless the Club and all its members."

Sister Estelle Nichols, Divine Science Teacher, Box 787, Waterloo, Iowa, like many other spiritual teachers and healers, endorses and praises our work in the highest and most sincere terms. Special stress is laid on the simplicity, quickness and permanency of the works done. The test of Divine Work is its quickness, greatness, simplicity and permanency. In this blessed work of the Spirit there is nothing puzzling, involved, intricate, perplexing or complex. The simplest child of God can comprehend the Mystic Way—the Holy Way.

Brother Oscar Larson, 12134 5th street, South Minneapolis, Minn., is magnetic and psychic to a marked degree, and from now on will be very receptive to the All Good. He writes: "It is a blessed privilege to belong to this Club."

Brother Rev. M. P. Franklin, Box 269, Lake Charles, La., is one of a number of God's ministers who fellowship with us. Our brother is an earnest worker and will have our special treatments for what he asks. He writes: "My dear Brothers and Sisters—I cannot explain in words what the Club has done for me. It is just wonderful! May the great God bless you all." And so speak all loyal, earnest members.

Sister Lizzie I. Purington, 93 Union street, Brunswick, Me., feels thankful and grateful for her progress since joining the Club, and in a letter filled with universal love, she says: "I thank you very much. I am feeling much better and am having better success in every way. I am very grateful for the help and comfort received." Let us praise the great God only for all the help and comfort we receive.

We find a number of persons prefer sending us \$3 for three subscriptions to be sent free to friends or public institutions, and thus earn the privilege of being enrolled as a life member of the Club. While we prefer all members to secure three subscriptions from friends or acquaintances, we have concluded to accept yearly subscriptions that may be given as presents to persons whom you may think need such a cheering and uplifting magazine to smooth their path of life for one year. No doubt you can select three persons who would be glad to receive the Magazine for one year as a present from you, who would be thus reminded of your interest in their welfare each month for one year. So, if you will send your own subscription for one year and the names of three persons whom you desire it sent to for one year, together with \$4 to pay for same, we will be pleased to enter you as a life member, and forward the Four Degrees. You can do good by sending copies to the reading-rooms of some home for aged people, some society, club or public hospital, or other similar institution. Many of our regular subscribers often send us subscriptions for homes and institutions of this nature or to some poor "shut-in" invalid or cripple. Your own soul will tell you what to do in the matter. In no way will we receive more money for a life membership in this Club.

Brother C. H. Bateman, Shelter Island N. Y., after work in the Fourth Degree, writes a long and interesting letter, relating many blessings that are now flowing to him. He now works faithfully, trustfully and without fear, and is coming into oneness with Providence, as all must who have full and complete faith and hope in God, the All-Provider, and who willingly perform all work that comes to hand. Our brother will become a powerful Psychic Healer; we are helping many healers to increase their powers. Among other things, our brother writes: "As strong as my faith is, your work is so quick and unusual that I often marvel at the seeming miraculous and wonderful way so many matters have turned in my favor recently—since joining the blessed Club. I follow all your instructions implicitly. My soul whispers to me they are all right. Your work has done much for me, and I am so grateful. God bless you!" Beloved, the Spirit has done much for you, and you have done much for yourself by rousing the great eternal Christ within thy own soul. Understand, this Club is only a means or a medium or channel through which the Spirit is reaching, teaching and rousing men to a consciousness of their God-like natures. All praise be to God, the All-Father-Mother!

Brother W. G. Green, Alamogordo, New Mexico, is a soul aflame and aglow with love for our work, and is making great progress, in a long letter, filled with the vibrations of love, earnestness and sincerity, among other things, he says: "I now have more Love, peace, Joy and complete Happiness than I have had in all my life before. I am a new man, spiritually, mentally and physically. Now a silent yet powerful force works in me all the time. My soul goes out to the Giver of all good (and all is good). This Club and our Magazine has been to me a great power for good. May God bless you all."

Brother James Ferguson, Raymond Villa, Pasadena, Cal., sends us subscriptions for friends in Scotland and California, and, what is more, a long letter filled with soul and heart terms for happiness, psychic magnetism, etc., and all have failed, and he has now arrived at the truth, and he says: "There is nothing in

any system which does not recognize God as the Author of all." Beloved, you have now recognized the Truth, and will soon realize only blessings. No one can live a full, rich, happy life without a recognition of God as the All in All, and that he is an eternal child of an eternal All-Father-Mother. All of us are that. Mental schemes to reach God and the Kingdom of the Real are always failures.

Brother Dr. Wesley G. Bayley, New Albany, Ind., is a soul now full of love and progress—they always go together, love and progress. He writes: "Long live the Success Club and its promoters! You have done me much good. Bless your souls. I will never let your teachings get away from me." Beloved doctor, keep on loving the erring one. We will give this spirit a special specific treatment of love. Always project great volumes of silent love-thoughts on those who do not love you or who oppose what is recognized by the wise as truth, and in a while all differences will be adjusted. The Spirit eventually has its way; all our troubles are caused by opposing or resisting the eternal and blessed love of God. Several great mystic adepts have read your letter. We tell you, your work is just beginning. All you have done in the past will appear trivial to what you will do in the future. Right here and now, and soon, you will, like all loyal members of this Club, be called on to do much work—work that will bless you and pay you. Keep on reading and re-reading all of Henry Wood's books. Brother Wood is a great blessing to this world. So is Brother James Allen, of England. Brother Allen's two books, "All These Things Added" and "From Poverty to Poverty" (Savoy Pub. Co. Savoy Steps, Strand, London, England; \$1 each), are wonderful works for any aspiring soul to read and re-read.

Sister A. C. De Luce, Corning, Cal., is a great soul who is loved and revered by many in her locality. Her words always carry great weight. Our sister writes: "Dear Brothers—I claim it as a blessed privilege to add my words of testimony to the great work of our Club. I am now in the work of the Fourth Degree, and from the precious First Degree until this time the truths and teachings have been marvelous in their power for good. They constitute the foundation of all that is true, pure, grand and lofty in the education, control and evolution of our world. Oh, that everyone could know and receive the precious truths you teach. This is the broad, divine teaching as Christ gave it to us in his short earthly life. Health of mind and body is the first great necessity, without which everything is lessened in power. RECEPTIVITY, the power to receive and to assimilate, to make ourselves a part of the bounteous blessings constantly surrounding us. PERSONAL MAGNETISM, the God-like quality, which makes us akin to our All-Father-Mother, of use to the world with Righteousness and Justice, without which all is useless; Fellowship, which makes the whole world a Brotherhood. With your teachings it is all so natural, so true. It seems as though we had always known and lived it; and yet, only now has life broadened and deepened under the rich teaching of these four degrees. My life now seems like the steady onward flow of a mighty river bearing precious freight to the Ocean of Eternity. Financial and business success is now turning in my favor after years of reverse and stagnation; the tide has set firmly toward success. Life is full of love, sweetness and sunshine to me now, and things that once troubled, perplexed, vexed and annoyed me have ceased to do so. All is Peace. I am constantly trying to interest my friends in our Club and our Magazine." Blessed, indeed, is that soul who in any way strives to spread the teachings of any good book, any magazine or any spiritual organization. All who help us in love are helped in a mystic or occult way.

IN TIME ALL earnest and loyal MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB COME TO KNOW ALL THE MYSTIC SECRETS. WE HAVE MANY BLESSED SURPRISES FOR OUR LOYAL MEMBERS A LITTLE LATER ON.

What is that mystic, unseen force that is constantly at work helping men out of their troubles and sorrows and perplexities? What is that unseen power that suddenly converts a bestial and brutal drunkard of years into an Angel? What is that Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omnipresent Power that we see at work throughout all nations—throughout the whole Universe? After completion of work in the Fourth Degree our members know about the Mystic Unseen Force.

Sister Anna Clarke, 726 Warren avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes us in holy love, and concludes her letter by saying: "Your vibrations reach me and give me peace, joy and serenity. I am helped all the time. With the completion of the Fourth Degree I say: I have received the full blessings of God through the Mystic Adepts' wonderful work."

Sister E. J. Cameron, University Park, Portland, Ore., after work in the Second Degree, sends us a strong letter of love and praise, indicating also that she is, like all of our members, making great progress. She says, in part: "I now rest beautifully. The First Degree has been a great blessing to me. I feel stronger every day. I am joyful and peaceful in the blessed Spirit."

Sister Leonora Smith, Ranger, Tex., expresses great joy in the peace and bliss that has come to her in the work of the Fourth Degree. Our sister is sending in a number of names, for which we thank her. In concluding her letter of love and praise she says: "I am truly blessed and proud of my membership. In the work of the Fourth Degree I have been blessed more than I can tell."

Sister Margaret Smart Shuner, Gallaudet, Ind., is an earnest searcher after the Light of Truth, and as she is broad and tolerant and charitable she will soon have many blessings showered upon her. She writes: "I am so glad I am a member of this great Club; it will lead me to the All Good. Love, Hope and Charity is my motto."

About the Mystic Success Club

Sister Mrs. Charles Duke, Deer Park, Ont., Canada, is an enthusiastic and earnest worker in helping our Club and the Magazine, and under the Eternal Law, that all who help a good cause are themselves greatly helped, she is in much peace and joy. She writes: "Dear Mystic Success Club—I worked the First Degree with indescribable joy. Oh, what blessed thoughts you give us! I am free and light of heart and feel your holy vibrations with me all the time. It is wonderful with what ease I get through my work. Yours is a grand and lasting work, and I cannot express my feelings of gratitude and thanks in words. It is glorious to be in fellowship with so many great and noble souls with one grand purpose. I look upon your grand work as a part of the Millennial Dawn and pray for its success with universal love for the All. I will do all I can to send you twenty-five names whom I think will be glad to receive a sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES. Oh, what a blessing this Magazine has been to me! I always do my best to extend its circulation far and wide. May God guide you in your noble work, and bless you for what you have done for me." Blessings be with you, sister. It is thousands of blessed spirits like yourself that is helping our work.

Sister Mary E. Bryant, Bryantsville, Tenn., is now permanently on the Eternal Path where only the pure White Light shineth. She writes in great praise and gratitude, as follows: "I was in poor health, mental agony and had been so for years. The doctors and medicines gave me only temporary relief. I was so depressed and discouraged when I first began to work out the First Degree, that I could hardly hold a thought—my mind was so disturbed and flighty. But now I am calm and peaceful and can hold my mind and my health is gradually getting better. I can feel holy vibrations. Words fail to express the gratitude and thankfulness of my heart to the blessed All-Father-Mother, and the blessed members of the grand and good Mystic Success Club. It has been a perfect God-send to me. In different ways it has led me out of dismal darkness into spiritual light. I was so blind in my religious creed; I could see only in one narrow-minded, selfish way, and earnestly thought I was right. But now my soul, my heart and mind are free and my eyes and understanding are open, and I love all, all the good eternal All-Father-Mother hath created. I am now hopeful and encouraged. I desire to be perfectly whole that I may be a help and a blessing to All. My prayers, my heart and my love is for All, especially for the blessed brothers and sisters of the dear Mystic Success Club."

A warm union of love fills and thrills all members of this Club, and everything which has been vague and dark becomes comprehensible. In a little while amazing opportunities for success open before the member. What wonderful blessings are ours when we can see! What joy and bliss there are in freedom! How the mysteries are explained! It is heaven here and now!

Sister Lillian A. Munn, 320 Chapin street, Toledo, Ohio, is a progressive spirit. She writes: "I cannot begin to tell you how much our Club has helped me."

Sister Jessie Edwards, 93 De Kalb street, Chicago, Ill., is a simple loving child of God with tremendous faith. She writes: "I want to send you special thanks for the blessed vibrations of love, life and courage I have received since becoming a member. The work in the First and Second Degrees has done me much good, helping me to Peace and Thankfulness that words cannot express. One great thing the Club treatments and exercises have already helped me to is a trust in God. I have placed my family of eleven children in God's Hand, and I know it will be well with them. Amid the often disturbed conditions of so large a family of grown children I have had the most blessed calm of mind. I have the warmest gratitude for your grand work." God is our only help in all the affairs of life here, beloved sister.

Brother Thomas York, Portsmouth, O., is being led by the Light of his soul. At the completion of his work in the Second Degree he writes: "I am pleased to say my improvement in health and everything is wonderful. I have grown stronger in mind and body, and am happy to say you have helped me to find the truth." Blessed is he who searcheth after Truth!

Sister L. G. Stevens, Canal Fulton, O., is an aspiring spirit who is now fairly fixed on the glorious Path. She sends us a long letter full of pure vibrations of universal love. She says, in part: "Only God and the Angels know what a great help this Club has been to me. Your sacred books that you send free to members awaken in me new spiritual vibrations, and give me the power to have more faith, charity and love for all humanity." Oh, beloved, thou art now to be a strong, forceful, purposeful and helpful child of God. And what a blessing that is!

As members advance in the work of the four degrees they become very hopeful, fearless and full of life, vigor, health and force—all grand qualities for success.

GREAT DISCERNMENT, DISCRIMINATION AND JUDGMENT MAKE FOR QUICK AND PROFITABLE BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS. WE SHOW YOU HOW TO DISCERN, DISCRIMINATE AND ACT QUICKLY NOT ONLY IN BUSINESS, BUT IN ALL THE AFFAIRS OF LIFE.

Brother W. G. Goff, Box 48, Corsica, Ga., is joyous and grateful in his great growth spiritually, mentally and physically. He aspires to be a loyal and faithful workman "approved unto God." He writes a long letter full of

holy love and enthusiasm born of earnestness. Among other things he says: "I have walked the rough road of Poverty and affliction long enough, and know now I am on the Right Path. Perseverance is the Staff of Success. I know if I thrive I must strive to enter into the better part of Life while passing in it on this mortal plane of action. People who knew me before I commenced work in this blessed Club, and saw my misery, now say to me: 'What have you been taking to put such an improvement on you? How much better you do look!' I tell them I have taken nothing but Light, Life, Truth, Love, and opened my mind to better understanding. When I commenced work in the Club, I was worried and felt the need of flesh. I weighed 153 pounds, and now I weigh 162 pounds. Paul said: 'Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty.' Yes, beloved brother, there is freedom and peace and joy and success for anyone who sows only to the Spirit."

Sister Mary S. Barker, 113 Shepard street, Lynn, Mass., is one of our most earnest and aspiring members. In sending us in a club of subscribers, she writes: "I want the years remaining to me here on earth to be filled with love and a force to help all men. I want to live a Christ-life, to do all the good I can. I want to be instructed and helped to live that life, to understand and know God—to know how to do His work understandingly." Oh, beloved sweet child of God, all your prayers will be answered; the Holy Elder Brothers of this Club will pray for you. Come, let us all pray in the holy silence for our aspiring sister. Blessed will be this world and all worlds when we have a few more of these men and women who seek to be Christed, who seek to live the blessed life of our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus.

Brother M. A. Campbell, 3110 Lucas avenue, St. Louis, Mo., has just become a brother and needs our prayers for Light. He is well on the Path. We would say to our brother and all brothers that all disturbing planetary conditions can be transmuted into blessed vibrations when we begin to live as indicated in the four degrees of this Club. Our brother writes: "THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES came to me in an occult way—by first picking out the August, 1902, number from a pile of soiled and thrown-out rubbish. It drew me to it, or it drew it to me. But it seemed too soiled and musty to handle agreeably. So I hung it on the clothes line in the Sun and wind to partly renovate it before reading it thoroughly. Although I have purchased books and papers and received sample copies for twenty years, I never had the delight of seeing or knowing what THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES was until I unearthed this August, 1902, number several weeks ago. Since then I have many times told as many persons that it was the best magazine printed. I hope and wish you great success." Dear brother, the Spirit led you, as it is leading thousands of others, to our work. Vibrate with us and all kinds of blessings will be yours. All who fellowship with us, and are earnest, loyal and true, soon become free from disease, poverty and drudgery, and become a blessing and a benediction to the world.

HEALTH IS YOUR BIRTHRIGHT. HEALTH IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO TRUE SUCCESS. COME, BELOVED, JOIN THIS MIGHTY BAND OF SOULS AND HAVE HEALTH. "WHY SHOULD ANY DISEASE BE TERMED INCURABLE? EVERY MOMENT OLD CELLS ARE BEING DESTROYED AND NEW ONES CREATED; AND PHYSIOLOGISTS NOW TELL US THAT CERTAIN PARTS OF THE BODY TAKE BUT A SHORT TIME TO REBUILD THEMSELVES, WHILE THE MOST OBSCURE ARE RENEWED IN LESS THAN TWELVE MONTHS, SO THAT EACH NEW YEAR WE LITERALLY DON A NEW GARMENT," if we know how.

Sister N. Lennes, 1501 Washington avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minn., is a very happy member, and a lover of the pure, sweet and higher thoughts of life. She writes: "I have enjoyed my work in the two degrees of the Club very much, and have been greatly helped. I love your work, it is so helpful and so beautiful."

Many members of our Club are full of fervent love for the All, and are desirous of helping any work that has for its purpose the upliftment and betterment of the children of earth. Yet these brothers and sisters write: "I do not desire any publicity concerning the matter, please—that is, I do not wish my name published." All such requests are fully observed; all requests of this nature are sacred with us. But what a blessing it would be to such members and what a help to others if they were perfectly fearless, and would give their testimony freely and openly for publication, as a praise, an honor and a glory to the great God!

TO MANY NEW MEMBERS: We invite you to confide in us fully all your troubles. We can then give you special treatments for specific troubles. Besides, an open statement of this nature, made in a holy and earnest way to the holy mystics, is good for your soul. All such statements are treated sacredly and are received and treated in pure holy love.

Brother James A. McKean, 2145 Webster avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.—Oh, beloved brother, be patient. We will give you special treatments. Just keep quiet and cease to strive as you have. Leave your whole case to the Blessed One and the mighty Angels and our Adepts. We see great hope in your case. Within your letter is much light. Do not take your case so seriously. It is always darkest before dawn. The pendulum of our troubles must swing so far and then must swing back. You are an eternal child of the loving All-Father-Mother who will not desert you. It is in our direst and darkest moments that we often reach the Most High. Come, brother, a little more hope, a little more love, a little more faith and a little more courage, and all will be well.

Sister T. S. Boggs, 45 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., is progressing beautifully, and will soon realize many blessings. In a long letter giving her experiences after completing the Fourth Degree we can assure her

that the Unseen Forces are beginning to reach, teach, guide and lead her, and great Peace and Joy will be hers.

Sister Alice L. Allen, South Otselee, N. Y., is far on the Path. She writes us a letter filled with holy psychic vibrations giving an account of blessed and beautiful spiritual phenomena that is manifesting about her. She says: "The work of The Mystic Success Club is most satisfying and gratifying to a soul struggling for Light and help." Mystic No. 7 will give special help to our sister as he does to all members who request it.

Brother Edward O. Wilson, Everett, Wash., is an aspiring spirit who will soon realize many blessings here and now, because he is filled with love, faith, hope and courage. We will help you, brother, by showing you the simple, direct and positive way to help yourself. Blessed is that work which helps man to help himself.

Isabella F. Blossom, 14 Federal street, Salem, Mass., testifies to many wonderful blessings that have come into her life since she joined the Club. She writes: "I wish to say, dear brothers, I have received wonderful help, and that this first month in the Club has been the happiest and most harmonious month that I have ever known. I am very, very much stronger, and now I do my work with ease and delight. I find I am now more steady, more poised—I commence a thing and continue it until it is finished, and it seems at times as though I had an extra pair of hands to work with. My friends now come closer to me, and I meet kindness on every side. Only the Divine Spirit can do these blessed things. All my burdens have been lightened." Yes, beloved sister and child of God, all our burdens are transmuted into glorious blessings when we live with God—the blessed universal Spirit.

Brother A. O. Furlan, Dawson, Yukon Territory, Canada, is circulating our Magazine in England, and is a warm friend of ours in the Far North. He finds our work encouraging and full of inspiration. We welcome our brother to the Club, and can assure him he is now on the right path. It is pleasing to have members coming in from all parts of this great planet.

Brother John D. Sleet, Shell Beach, La., is a simple, soulful child of God who has finished his Fourth Degree and is beginning to realize many blessings. He writes: "Dear Beloved Brothers of The Mystic Success Club—My experience during the work in the four degrees has been blessed, and I am more than delighted to be a life member of the blessed Club. I praise and thank God for the good health I have received through the help of the blessed Success Club, and I will always help you all I can to get all the subscribers I can for the MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES." And, blessed brother, God will always help all who desire to see good works prosper and who help to circulate good books and inspiring soulful papers and magazines. Your success is assured because you live in the Spirit—the spirit of helping anything that is progressive.

WE RECEIVE MANY LETTERS FROM MEMBERS SAYING THAT THE FIRST DEGREE HAS BROUGHT TO THEM THE FIRST SWEET, RESTFUL AND REFRESHING SLEEP THAT THEY HAVE HAD FOR YEARS. We quote a few words from one letter which gives an idea of many: "I now sleep soundly and feel rested and refreshed when I awake in the morning." BAD CASES OF INSOMNIA OF LONG STANDING ARE EASILY, QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY CURED IN THE WORK OF THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brother John Keller, Tacoma, Wash., is being beautifully led by that Light which is endless and never fails. He says: "I am experiencing a change for the better, and I am truly thankful that I was led to join this blessed Club. Thanks be to God—the Voice within me says, 'Be faithful and all will be well.'"

Sister Nellie C. Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn., is enthusiastically thankful and appreciative for blessings received. She writes a long letter, and in part says: "I want to tell you how much I thank you for the help this Club has been to me. I have finished the First Degree, and can affirm that I have never felt as well in my life as I now do. I now have a constant and increasing feeling of strength and calm and often periods of exultation when my whole body thrills and tingles with New Life. I feel that I am charged with electricity." Glory be to God! Thus do thousands praise our work.

Sister V. L. Huiart, Lock Box 288, Plaquemine, La., is a helpful progressive spirit. She is a warm friend of our Magazine, and is helping to increase its circulation. It is a psychic phenomena that he or she who helps to circulate good soulful books or magazines is greatly helped by the Unseen Powers. The Mystic Adepts will help our sister. We pray for all who need help and treat them in the Silent Mystic Way, the never-failing way, for Peace, Success, a long, useful and happy life here.

Sister Leonora Poor, Northfield, Vt., is a great psychic—a soulful person—with many powers. Our Mystic Adepts in a Silent Way will help her much. She is a warm friend of our Magazine, and we thank her for the Club of subscribers. Under the eternal Law of Reciprocity, all who help our Magazine or our Club are in turn greatly helped. This is the "hidden law" to many. Great and mighty unseen forces are at work all the time, helping all those who help to circulate spiritual books and magazines.

ALL DISTURBING THOUGHTS VANISH WHEN WE CEASE TO HARBOR THEM; OUR FIRST DEGREE SHOWS ONE THE SIMPLE AND ANCIENT MYSTIC WAY TO PERMANENTLY CLEANSE THE MIND OF ALL DISTURBING THOUGHTS.

Brother Eli A. Shook, 14 Industry street, Pittsburg, Pa., is a progressive, earnest spirit, who will soon realize great and lasting blessings by being a member of this great band of

aspiring brothers and sisters. We thank our brother for his kind words and for the Club of subscribers. The more subscribers we have the better will be the Magazine and the greater will be our power to help humanity. Blessed is he who helps to circulate soulful books and magazines.

MANY GREAT SPIRITUAL HEALERS AND PSYCHIC MEN AND WOMEN WRITE: "I am led to your blessed order by Unseen Forces." One great Adept says: "THE VOICE SPEAKETH TO ME SAYING, 'IT IS THE GREAT NEW MOVEMENT THAT WILL HASTEN THE KINGDOM ON EARTH—THE MILLENNIAL AGE.'"

Sister Mary M. Sackett, Hollywood, Cal., in a letter filled with the vibrations of universal love and thanking God for our help, says: "I am glad I have taken up this blessed work, it is so helpful in calming and quieting my nerves. I feel sure that God's fullest blessing will rest on all members of this Club and those that are directing it."

ALL NERVOUS ILLS, FRETTING AND WORRYING, ARE EASILY, QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY CURED BY FOLLOWING THE ANCIENT MYSTIC RULES LAID DOWN IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

Brother Mat Stuckert, Spring Valley, Ill., in a letter vibrating with love and enthusiasm, says he is now well. Our brother has a special call to help this Club and our Magazine all he can, as he feels so grateful to the Spirit for its blessings. He sends love and best wishes to all members of the Club, and closes his letter by saying: "I would like to express my thanks to you for the benefits I have received so far, but I cannot find language forcible enough to fully express my gratitude."

Brother Charles Harris, 4735 Harris street, Sta. C., Cincinnati, O., is a spiritual-minded child of God, who is making splendid progress. At the end of his work in the Third Degree he writes: "I know that I have been much benefited by my membership in this Club. I can see a decided change in myself, and also a great change in the kind treatment of others toward me. I certainly do wish The Mystic Success Club great success."

Brother W. H. Mitchell, Grand City, Mo., is far on the Path and one of our most earnest and enthusiastic members. He writes: "I am feeling better physically and plainly feel a spiritual and mental uplifting. I wish to recite an experience: One Sunday I sat alone in my printing office reading our Magazine, being quite engrossed in an article on Spiritualism. All at once I heard sweet voices and the peals of an organ singing and playing 'Come, Ye Disconsolate,' which was the closing hymn sang at my dear wife's funeral twenty-five years ago. I attended the Presbyterian church that night, and imagine my feelings when this same song was rendered beautifully as the closing number of the service! Was not this remarkable? Beloved brother, blessed angels are reaching out to you. Do not be surprised at any blessed things that may happen to you now. Our brother closes his letter by saying: 'May the great loving All-Father-Mother's choicest blessings be showered upon our dear Mystic Success Club, and may it, like the haven of old, grow and spread in strength and power until in the course of time it shall 'leaven the whole lump'—the World. God bless the All.'"

ALL LOYAL MEMBERS OF THIS CLUB WILL HOLD THE MIND AND BODY IN PERFECT HEALTH, VIGOR AND BEAUTY FOR GREAT PERIODS OF YEARS.

Sister Estelle Nichols, Divine Science Teacher, Box 787, Waterloo, Ia., is a progressive spirit who has entered the blessed Path, here and now, where the eternal White Light shineth. She writes in holy love as follows: "I have just begun the work in the Third Degree. It is wonderful how much ground each degree covers. The First Degree is a perfect and regular treatise on Health—simple and all-comprehensive. The Second Degree gives perfect instruction in Reception, which bears blessed fruit quickly, and it also shows the aspiring student a great field to cultivate, which will continually yield richer and richer harvests all through life. The Third Degree promises to cover a vaster field. God and the Holy Angels are surely working with the founders of this grand Club. I am doing all I can to secure subscribers for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES and members for the Success Club, both of which have been an immeasurable blessing to me." Oh, what a blessing it is to have so many earnest and enthusiastic working members! What a force and power this great massing of divine minds is for the uplifting of humanity!

All the intricacies of Life and conduct are smoothed and made blessings—if you are a loyal member of the Mystic Success Club. All adversity is soon overcome, and the Light and Truth illumines your life forever. This is the most powerful organization in the whole world to help one strengthen and fortify himself against all that makes for discord and inharmonious. No words are strong enough to express its real power to uplift the children of God.—A Mystic.

Would you have a constant, calm, spiritual strength which will be a continuous power to overcome all grief, woe and misery, and make you blessed? If so, beloved, come and fellowship with us in holy love, and forever cease to exist in struggle and strife.—One of the Adepts of the Mystic Success Club.

Realize heavenly rest here and now. How? By living the life, by divine help, as indicated in the Four Degrees of the Mystic Success Club.

Henry Wood says: "We are living in an eternal fountain of strength, and yet are weak; we are encompassed with good, and yet behold evil; health is infinite supply, and still we groan with pain and disease; order and symmetry are ours, but we are filled with discord and confusion; and all because we abide in the seen and transitory."

A Twentieth Century Commotion

By HENRY WOOD

Written Especially for
THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES

THE threshold of a new century marks a transitional stage in the evolution of Christendom which is unique. A long-continued dispensation is closing, or rather we are in the midst of the tumultuous waves which roll between it and its successor. The shore of the former is melting away, and no landing has yet been effected upon the new one, for it is but just coming in sight.

In a word, we are emerging from the reign of external authority, and have not yet developed the full knowledge of the laws which are inscribed within.

Never before has there been such an intense activity among beneficent and spiritual forces, never so much altruism, such love, such unselfishness and such a zeal for reform as is now in evidence. But pause for a moment! The opposing forces are equally aroused. In great degree, Satan seems to be turned loose. The battle rages hot between spiritual powers and the cohorts of materialism.

If we survey the surface of current events and manifestations, there seems to be abundant ground for discouragement and even pessimism. The recent outbreak of religious and racial persecutions in Europe, with the lynchings and race conflicts within our own borders, reveal depths of brutality and depravity which, perhaps, we have flattered ourselves belonged only to past and inferior stages of civilization. Disregard of law, the spirit of anarchy and class enmity are among the symptoms of a general upheaval.

The great black headlines of our sensational press, with their tales of crime and depravity, show what is taking place; and yet worse, through the law of suggestion they scatter noxious seed which produces an increasing crop of its own kind. Millions of immature, weak and chaotic minds furnish the fertile and receptive soil. The great tide of materialism surges on with its flotsam of sensuality, class antagonism, intemperance and militarism, threatening to undermine the very foundations of society.

In the midst of such an exhibit how shall those of us who are radical optimists, and who believe that the world is steadily growing better, reconcile our principles with current events? Are our hopes of a general increase of spiritual development and a higher and purer civilization only dreams? Has our idealism played us false? Have we been trying to build a little paradise of our own, and at the same time had our eyes closed to the sweep of things about us? By no means.

The world is growing better. Never before was there so much spiritual aspiration and practical religion in the lives of men as are in living activity to-day. Never before were ideals so high. More is expected and demanded. We have new standards and contrasts are sharper. Every new era of thought has a troubled infancy.

Perhaps the present epoch may be better understood by comparison with a much earlier transition, with which it has a close correspondence. That evolutionary step, or rise—often known as "the fall of man"—furnishes an illustration of the greatly advanced movement of to-day.

Eden symbolizes the full cup of animal satisfaction, the climax of pre-Adamic sensuous development. Next in order came an infantile and troubled moral consciousness and responsibility. The former was of a low order, but fully mature. The latter, though of a higher order, was only in a childish stage. It was from perfected animalism to feeble and experimental humanism. From the exactitude of instinct to a reason full of mistakes, even though of infinite potentiality, seemed like a fall; hence the great tradition. From the first, no further advance was possible, while the second included unbounded possibility. It was an exclusion from sensuous delight into a realm of "thorns and thistles," yet to be transmuted into the flowers and fruits of moral character. Educational experience was necessary, and it must include some missing of the mark or knowledge of good and evil. Its ultimate goal was the ability to make a wise voluntary choice.

So of the transition of to-day. A new standpoint! New motives! New faculties unfolded! Each evolutionary step always destroys the existing equilibrium and upsets time-honored foundations. Commotion is a symptom of advance, while stagnation is arrested development. The old "fall" from the unmoral up to the moral, from ignorant innocence to the knowledge and choice of good and evil, typifies the present fall from the correct outward aspect impressed by external authority, to that which is finally coming—the internal. It seems like a fall until higher ground of a firm quality is attained.

There is a kind of seeming personality in negative and established conditions which fights to be undisturbed. It does not want to be "cast out." Its dying kicks are more furious than those which it delivered while in its full vigor. When under the command of Jesus the evil spirits make their

final exit, they "tear" their victim as the finishing touch. The great modern demonic host first enumerated are making a desperate fight, for they behold their supremacy slipping away.

The goodness of the retiring age was based mainly upon repression from without. The spirit of that dispensation was a general, THOU SHALT NOT. Its righteousness was largely negation, outside correctness. The era of a positive goodness, of a radiation of good will from the centre, of an overflowing love, is knocking at the door.

The past evolutionary stage of the reign of external authority is to give place to that of inner forces, and repression to expression. Ecclesiastical, kingly and other forms of dominion have been strained to hold men in check and to give them a moral veneer. The motive of technical and arbitrary punishment—present but more especially future—has in some degree kept the world in outward orderly form. Not the love of right *per se*, but the apprehension of disaster was the moving force which preserved the semblance of morality. But whether or not we consent, all outward restraints and authority, formerly so compelling, are passing, and respect for them is lessening. This is so evident as to be without question. What shall take their place?

The coming rule will be that from within. But the fountain of authority, the higher individual selfhood, is yet largely unrecognized. Hence a moral and spiritual commotion, a degree of anarchy. This is the cause of the seething unrest and disorder.

While the fear of an arbitrary punishment from without and in the dim future is mainly lost, that of a hellish condition within—which is inherent and far more inevitable and close-fitting—has hardly been recognized. The traditional and arbitrary hell is to give place to one which is scientific and psychological. The "day of judgment" does not inspire the old terror, but the subjective tribunal with its indelible record of every thought and "idle word," terrible in its scrutiny, is yet unrecognized. The sheep still will go to the right hand and the goats to the left, and this by an unerring law of the universe which is engraven in the subconscious personality. But the new hell, though terrible in its severity, is not final nor everlasting. It is an inner condition and not a place, and its fires are purifying and not vindictive. They burn only the "wood, hay and stubble," and save man from his lower and seeming self. If penalty penetrate through body and soul, and is near and sure instead of dim and future, it will lessen transgression. It is becoming evident that hell is the result of breaking the laws of one's own nature.

By a creative law now well understood the human consciousness can be renewed, refined and filled with spiritual ideals of transforming power. Salvation becomes logical, a birthright rather than a purchase. Virtue will be valued for its own sake and not as a means of escape from doom. Character will be recognized as an orderly growth.

Out of the present disturbed conditions there will come a new dispensation of good will. It seems morally certain that the new century, even in its earlier part, will witness a wonderful advance in the higher development. With an individualistic starting point in awakened souls, it will widen and become collective and soon have national and international recognition and relation. The spirit of militarism will be cast out, and with a federation of nations the reign of peace will be set up. Love will prove to be the universal solvent of all problems and difficulties.

"The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining;
I therefore turn my clouds about,
And always wear them inside out—
To show the lining."

Make the best of everything;
Think the best of everybody;
Hope the best for yourself;
Do as I have done—persevere.

—George Stevenson's Advice.

Genius is the art of accomplishing in spite of difficulties, and of overcoming the impossible.—Napoleon.

"Once a fellow's got the primary business virtues cemented into his character, he's safe to build on," says a successful merchant.

Character in force—it is the vital energy of the individual—the motive power.

A well-known opinion tells us that there is more to be hoped from a man that failed, and yet went on in spite of his failure, than from the buoyant career of the successful.

The Secret of Life

By Mystic No. 12

THE secret of Life I will tell you,
The secret of Life that is true—
The secret of Life is in living
The best that ever you knew.

The secret of Life I will tell you;
The secret that makes you so free,
That when surrounded by tempest
You calm and cheerful can be.

The secret of Life is in knowing
Where healing and health can be found.
The spirit of man is immortal
And the body returns to the ground.

Your own vital force does the healing
Of all of your physical ills;
But your soul must be rightly directed
To save you from powders and pills.

Your spirit awakes from its slumber,
Your spirit now soars and is free,
For it knows all that's Real is spirit,
All that changes is what you see.

You have eyes of the flesh and of spirit,
You have senses real and true;
You awake from your slumber of matter
All is spirit to will and to do.

You now live in the realm of spirit,
Which is just as real and true
As tho' you had passed the portals
Of death, with its mystic hue.

You are dual, soul and body—
An angel just as real.
To go to a far-away sick-room
To comfort, bless and heal.

You are just as real an angel
As the angels round the throne;
'Tis a Mystic World we live in,
This world we call our own.

I have seen an angel coming
With healing on its wings;
Come with the speed of lightning,
A messenger of Kings.

But remember that you are dual—
Dual of matter and mind;
Believe in your life force to heal you;
To your body, your servant, be kind.

Join the Mystic Success Club and listen
To words that are Mystic and true;
Be true to thine own self always,
And thine own self will be true to you.

Flashes from "The Mental Advocate"

A vigorous will is a perpetual tonic.

A mental flaw spoils a thing of beauty.

Of all base poisons fear is the most accursed.

Self-made or never-made is nature's inexorable law.

Ambitious youth is of more value than indolent wealth.

Paradise is not lost save to those who have blinded minds.

Guard your weak points. The strong ones will guard themselves.

Prolonged beauty in woman bespeaks a calm, gentle, righteous mind.

A lazy man is of no more use than a dead one and takes up more room.

True manhood is above praise and overlaps all titles.

Prosperity makes many friends, but adversity tries them.

Prosperity unmasks the vices. Adversity reveals the virtues.—Earnest Kiersted.

Poverty is no disgrace.—Dr. Franklin. (But it is a disgrace to be always poor, Brother Franklin.)

Fear is a health destroyer. Courage is an inexhaustible mine of prosperity, health and happiness.

THERE's a divinity within,
That makes men great when'er they will it.
—Gerald Massey.

"Hard work will best uncertain fortune mend."

THOUGHT HELD BY THE SILENT BROTHERHOOD

Thought to be held at 12 M.
 "I am fervent in business in the power of the Spirit."

Thought to be held at 9 P.M.
 "I will lift up the gates that the King of Glory may enter in."

Have you ever noticed, Brother, how much your thought concerning yourself, as to what you are, what you can do, etc., affects your being and doing?

Think for a moment of your manner of living as compared to your manner of thinking. Have you a thought that work is unspiritual, menial and detrimental to your spiritual development? Then see how half-heartedly you have done the work, with what indifference or discontent you have performed it.

Beloved, in order to enter into the richness of continual peace and increasing illumination, you must consecrate every moment to the Highest and consider all work a privilege. Is business a necessity, a daily, hourly activity? Then why should it not be worthy the highest and best thought, aye, even a deep and unflagging interest? Can you be successful when half-hearted, afraid or indifferent?

Far from it!

Then change your thought about your work, and your attitude and relation will be changed toward it. It will be a privilege rather than a drudgery to do what lies before you.

These words, "I am fervent in business," following those of the night, will be potent, because of their suggestive influence. They will present to your mind a new picture of your task. Instead of the unlovely and distasteful aspects, you will see the advantageous, the desirable, the inviting. You will even see in your mind's eye a new picture of yourself. You will be animated, ready and even eager to begin the doing.

"I am fervent in business" will make you realize the grand privilege of having a business and doing your best to make it honorable and perfect as the fruit of your head and hands.

Look more deeply into the root of these words, "I am." Note this: Whoever has awakened to know the meaning of I AM may join whatsoever words he will to the "I am," and they will be quickened into life.

"I am that I am," said the Father. "I am made in thy image," says the Son, whose privilege it is to know himself as the offspring of the Father and co-existent with Him. No creature but man says "I am," and it is the immortal I that speaks. Ponder over these two words, Brother, and you will see they are the living germ of all words spoken. Then take the midday statement, and see how great a light will come, how great the impulse and desire to do as well as be.

Let your heart go into the words for five or even one minute at the noontide hour, and you will not only be inspired with courage, but endowed with strength; not only panoplied with the armor of your own resolve, but united in the bonds of a similar intention and realization with the Brothers everywhere who are striving and working for the same end.

Yet leave the business when the day is done. The night brings also its privilege in which you are to be fervent.

I will lift up the gates that the King of Glory may enter in, implies an open, aspiring state of mind, a yearning as well as a readiness to receive. These are fitting and beautiful words as a preparation for the hours of sleep, for should we not empty the mind of its cares and burdens in order to gain the rest of a dreamless sleep?

Take these words, Brother, and repeat for ten minutes after you have made ready for the night. It is well to stand while repeating and to speak audibly rather than mentally. At the end of the ten minutes sit down and silently let the words have full sway in your heart for a few moments. You will find a calmness and a sweet content stealing over you, and when you lie down upon your bed you will go to sleep with serene faith that in your hours of unconsciousness a new light will come to you, a glorious insight into truths and principles of which you had not known; for, dear Brother, the King of Glory is the Light of the Presence which translates itself into knowledge, love, truth, power, or whatsoever is most needed.

The night for learning, the day for practice! The night for receiving, the day for giving forth. Surely these key words for the month are rich with promise. Let us heed them well.

MYSTIC NO. 7.

Be Happy

By Dr. S. F. Meacham

Be happy to-day. No matter about yesterday nor to-morrow; be happy to-day.

Are you poor? Unhappiness will not make you rich.

Are you ignorant? Unhappiness will not make you wise.

Are you sick? Repining will not give you health.

Did you do wrong yesterday? Regretting will not correct the act nor atone for it.

Yesterday's errors cannot be undone.

Do to-day the very best you can.

Neither crying over yesterday nor making faces at to-morrow will enable us to do better than our best.

We can do better only by knowing better.

We cannot learn to know better simply by repining or anticipating.

We learn to know better by thinking.

Be happy to-day, this is heaven.

Be miserable to-day, this is hell.

I can possess to-day only what I have brought into it, or what I dig out of it.

Yesterday's misfortunes are but debris in the lap of to-day.

To-morrow's tasks can be but burdens on the back of to-day.

Extract the lesson out of yesterday, borrow sunshine from to-morrow, but do to-day's work to-day.

What an easy matter it is to stem the current of your imagination, to discharge a troublesome thought, and at once return to a state of calm.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

The spiritual man does not live in the Past nor in the Future, but in the blessed Eternal Present—in the eternal *Now* and the *Now*. The powers of consciousness are increased in exact ratio as we live in the fulness of the present *Now*.

Prophecy

PROPHECY is the science of being able to sense the casual influences or vibrations governing the person or subject on which the consciousness is centered, and knowing the purport or meaning of these influences. To the non-sensitive this has no existence, and he must judge the future by surface effects entirely—his knowledge of human character or of the subject to which he is devoted. A feeling of peace or quietude; that which disturbs or irritates; animates or enervates; engenders joy or gloom; that which attracts or repels without visible effect, are some of the sensations experienced, and have their specific meanings, which must be grouped, their counter-effects considered, and conclusion drawn from this to make the forecast or outline of the subject's future. To avert mistakes, however, the reader of destinies must have sufficient self-knowledge to distinguish his own influences or vibrations from those sensed in others and not combine them as coming from one source. Every individual is governed by this "cause upon him," and if he studies himself he can become his own prophet.—*Arthur F. Milton.*

As a universal centre implies limitation, and being unable to conceive of any limit to space or the invisible, we must infer that the latter is all centre or the cause of the visible effects existing within this cause.

Even the vexation incited by injustice may be calmed down by reasoning with self, and followed by resignation and forgiveness, as a sensual desire is calmed and followed by final disinclination when overcome by self-denial.—*Arthur F. Milton.*

"It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who, in the midst of the crowd, keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."

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OCCULTISM AND SYMBOLISM

By JOHN F. MORGAN, in *The Sunflower*

OCCULT science will place the student in intelligent co-operation with the powers of love, truth, life, wealth and health. By a passive state we receive impressions. Occult science reveals by far the most powerful force known to man.

CONCENTRATE WHEN YOU EAT

We should think why we eat and drink, viz., to supply material to rebuild the body. Hold your thought when you eat: "From the elements, through the mineral, by the power of love, I partake of this food."

HUMAN AURA

Every one is surrounded by an atmosphere, the same as this planet earth. This atmosphere is of different colors and shades, corresponding with the mental attitude we are in. A clairvoyant can read your past history, since every one carries with him an open volume of past records. When people realize this fact, they will be more guarded in thought, feeling and action.

AKASA OR SOUND

Modern scientists are just beginning to perceive the latent power of force in the akasic vibration. Spiritual affinity, or the law of selection, can and does correlate cosmic forces, the first results of such correlation manifesting sound, form, color and number. The driving power or conscious energy which directs, numbers and groups the atomic force of sound is called, in Eastern literature, "Fohat."

THE SACRED WORD

The word "Om," or, rightly rendered, "A-u-m" (both words are used by students of the occult who do not understand the potency of sound). It is claimed that there have been students who have used it to awaken the "Kundalini" (which is only the nervous system), and have been driven insane by the intense and rapid vibrations engendered by it.

This is the "Lost Word" that members (of — degree) paid over one hundred dollars to obtain, but had not the power of calling forth the right color and number. It is not merely pronouncing the word wherein resides potency—the sound, number and color must harmonize, and be directed by the awakened consciousness of the individual.

Every letter in the alphabet has its own sound, color, form and number; darkness and light, silence and sound, positive and negative, the eternally concealed and the manifested—is the first Cosmic Square. From which has sprung the Universe.

THE HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD

An order unique in its organization, seeking for themselves and all mankind the three conditions of harmony, unity and strength, as the result of guidance, knowledge and wisdom. Their tenet is the "Power of the Silence." We strive to attain our purpose by the help of the visible and the invisible, through the wisdom of the present and the knowledge of the past, under the guidance of the wise of all ages, who will grant us their instruction and loving care.

I joined just in time to become pallbearer for the remains of Mrs. Phelon, wife of the Elder Brother, and in this connection had a very remarkable evidence of spirit power, proving to me the great advantage of cremation, and thus destroying all magnetic energy that might chain the spirit to earth conditions. We should be particularly careful of the thoughts we hold toward the spirits of our friends and relatives who "have passed on to the higher spheres," since we often by our thought retard or assist them in their journey to brighter fields of action.

THE TATWIC FORCES

"Nature's Finer Forces" contains more truth and is far more reliable than any other work on this subject; also by Professor Dolbear, "Matter, Ether and Motion."

One Tatwic force differs from another in the number of its vibrations per second. They are identical with the five divisions of ether or ocean of life (electricity), and their currents are directed into the body of man through the orifices of the body, sound, light, touch, taste and smell.

THE CHAIN OF OCCULT CORRESPONDENCE

I joined the Chain five years ago and have had many very pleasant correspondences. My number is 5, and there are now about one thousand Mystics, from the Islands of the Pacific to the heart of Russia, united on the occult zone, of harmonious vibrations.

DALAI-LAMA OF TIBET

There is no chance in the world; every effect is the result of a cause, or some hidden law. It is possible for one to acquire astral flight, and I have

had many remarkable experiences, both personally and with others (I acting as a balloon, same as a boy flying a kite, and by the exertion of my will power I could direct them to any place in the air, under the water, and into the interior of the earth). To acquire this art one must practice the Illumination Breath.

"Sit for fifteen minutes with the mind concentrated on the Solar Plexus. Hold the thought of perfect illumination of the body. Breathe deeply, slowly and quietly. As the sun illuminates every part of the earth, so the physical body is illumined by the inner sun. You must also pay strict attention to diet. Eat no meat, drink no coffee, tea or wine. Take a daily bath, and after each anoint yourself thoroughly with oil. In fact, you must, during the moon period, when it is in the sign of the zodiac that the earth was in when you were born, subsist only on fruits, grains and vegetables."

SYMBOLISM

is a universal language, was in existence before the Phœnician alphabet, which is claimed to be the source of ours, and was derived from the hieroglyphic picture-writing of Egypt four thousand years ago. The stories of the Bible are all symbolic; in fact, the Bible is in each one of us, since it is the "Algebra of Life," and can be reduced to a mathematical problem.

The "Holy Trinity" has its fourth dimension and is but another name for evolution. The Holy Trinity is Alchemy, Nature the alchemist, and man chemist. The four elements are fire, water, earth and air—and Nature the great Teacher of all. She begins her work with the four kingdoms, viz., elements, minerals, seeds and fruits. With the Hindus these forces or elements correspond to Brahma, Vishnu, Siva and Atma. In physical philosophy we find them represented by sulphur, salt, mercury and tincture. The soul of sulphur is Indian yellow; of salt, ultramarine blue; mercury is vermilion, and tincture is the gray matter of the brain.

The fire gases arising come in contact with the colder ether, forming water by condensation or the life-giving gas of hydrogen. Oxygen, the fire gas, is positive. The earth, nitrogen gas, is negative. And water, the hydrogen gas, is neutral. Thus we have our Fire Trinity. The combination of these gases forms the air, or fourth dimension, without which neither animal nor vegetable life can exist. These being the first or Father forces, we call them God, the Father, or Osiris, the first person in the Trinity.

In the Water Trinity we find that sulphur corresponds to fire, as one molecule of sulphur will fuse with one molecule of oxygen, thus forming the positive in the Water Trinity. Salt is the neutral, as it possesses the life-giving properties of water. Mercury is the negative, as it is the mercurial properties of the sap that cause it to rise in the tree and bring forth fruit. The earth symbolizes the mother, in which the seed is planted. Thus the producer or fourth dimension of these three is Electron, and being derived from the first, is called the Son or Isis, the second person of the Trinity.

"In the Earth Trinity, man is the positive sperma corresponding to water, and salt the life-giving principle. The neutral and female corresponding to earth, and mercury, the mother principle, the negative. The product of these two gives us the third, which is ether, or the higher life. It is called the Trinity, the Holy Spirit of Horus.

"In order to obtain the fourth dimension and square our sum, we find that material man is positive; spiritual natural, the negative; tincture, the neutral. The fourth dimension will thus be Master; that is to say, when we become master of all the foregoing elements and forces then is born in us 'The Christos.'"

Om Tat Sat. "I am It."

[Mr. John F. Morgan's articles are always of the greatest vital value and interest to the readers of this Magazine. Not only is he a profound thinker, but a graceful and a forceful writer, in every way conversant with his subjects. The above article is well worthy thoughtful perusal. It gives a careful résumé (in parts) of the Vedānta Philosophy, as taught by the GREAT ADEPTS of the East.—EDITOR.]

Recognize and Realize. Recognize thy self and realize thy self. Recognize Eternal Life everywhere and realize eternal Life. Recognize thy brother soul, no matter how poor a body he occupies, and realize all are one. Recognize the eternal oneness of the ALL and realize eternal bliss. O blessed eternal soul, Recognize and Realize the All and be eternally free.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

"They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of Truth."

To the Unknown God

By Lucius Harwood Foote

ALL hail to thee, Force of the Forces!
The pulse of atomic vibration,
The germ of conception and being,
The impulse of matter and mind.
Thine, Thine are the infinite sources,
A function of endless duration,
The rhythm of sound and seeing,
The soul of the soul of mankind.

The myths of the centuries hoary,
As told by the seers and the sages,
Awaken a smile of derision
At the faiths and the fables of yore,
We question the stars, and their story,
Proclaimed by the audible ages,
Reveals to our wondering vision
The past and its mystical lore.

Thou, Thou art the motive and motion,
The Life and the Life Everlasting,
Which thrills and pervades and possesses
Each atom in limitless space.
Men pay Thee a form of devotion,
With sacrifice, penance and fasting,
To solace the soul that transgresses,
For thus saith the Gospel of Grace.

Uncompassed of time and location,
Fulfilled of desire and endeavor,
The soul finds its final fruition,
Dismantled of flesh and its thrall.
We pass from the stress of probation
To peace that endureth forever;
For death is not death, but transition;
And thou art the All and in All.

Felt His Friend's Danger and Saved His Life

SOME time ago two young men from New York City came to Nebraska in search of health. One of them, Edward Loomis, got a place on the Spade ranch. The other, J. H. Blair, was employed on the Niobrara River.

One Friday, Mr. Loomis, while riding the range, was thrown from his horse and the bones of his right leg below the knee were fractured. He was left helpless on the prairie. He lay out all night Friday night, all day Saturday and all night Saturday night, having drawn himself fully four miles backward on his hands after his injury. On Sunday morning his friend, at least seventy miles away, felt that something was going wrong with his friend Loomis, and he started for the Spade ranch, to reach which he had to ride down one of four long valleys which centered at the ranch headquarters. It so happened that he chose the one which took him past where his friend Loomis was lying in an exhausted condition, having only strength sufficient to attract attention by swinging his hat. He was taken at once to Ellsworth and brought to Alliance, where he was placed in the hospital.

Everything is sacred; even the dirt beneath our feet, for out of it comes all that sustains, nourishes, clothes and shelters humanity, and without it no life could manifest on the planet. Everything—mineral, vegetable, animal, man and woman—has its mission to perform. Whatever evolves on the planet is there for a purpose.—*Lucy A. Mallory.*

The late Mr. Arthur Arthington, of Leeds, England, bequeathed \$2,500,000 to the Baptist Missionary Society, and \$2,000,000 to the London Missionary Society. The money, said the testator, was to be devoted to the placing of missionary stations in parts of Africa where none existed, and for the provision of copies of the New Testament in the language of tribes for whom any translation could be found. Rich men in England and America are now contributing great sums of money for missionary work.

Money

IN considering money and how it is spent we must not lose sight of the fact that it is not lost; it merely changes hands, and in its ceaseless travelings causes incessant action, and what is better in the Grand Evolution than action? Who can say that money is foolishly spent—changed? I have seen money "foolishly dissipated" to-day that reached centres in a few days where it did great and tremendous good—lasting good. Money is the measurer of action, and as a rule, never remains idle, and ultimately produces culture, refinement and civilization. Come, let us dig up our gold, our silver, our iron, copper and coal; let us cultivate the vast wastes of land; let us build smokestacks and steeples, railways, telegraphs and steamships, schools, colleges, and universities, temples of music and amusement, and cease wasting our vital forces and powers about the distribution of money—it cannot be lost; it is merely a changing medium that ultimately brings good to all.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

It is only in oneness that one can attain to "that peace which passeth understanding."



WE older children grope our way
From dark behind to dark before,
And only when our hands we lay,
Dear Lord, in Thine, the night is day,
And there is darkness nevermore.

"Reach downward to our sunless days
Wherein our guides are blind as we,
Where faith is small and hope delays,
Take Thou the hands of prayer we raise,
And let us feel the light of Thee."

To see and hear the angels—walk and talk and work with them—*here and now*, is one of the blessings that is natural to a *whole* man—a holy man. Clairvoyance and clairaudience are *natural* fruits of living in purity and holiness.

The meditative, prayerful, listening and *doing* state is man's highest state of existence. With *desire* no real and lasting happiness can come. It is when we *aspire* to love and know and *do*—for the good of the Whole—that we come into the blessed state of the highest, sweetest and purest existence. "It is only the contemplative, witness-like study of objects that brings to us real enjoyment and happiness. The animal has its happiness in the senses, the man in his intellect, and the God in spiritual contemplation. It is only to the soul that has attained to this contemplative state that the world has really become beautiful. To him who *desires* nothing, and does not mix himself up with them, the manifold changes of nature are one panorama of beauty and sublimity."

Before we can hope to attain to the Most High, we must to a more or less extent speculate and pile theory upon theory, and hypothesis upon hypothesis. Truth is not reached by a leap or a bound, but by patient research and well-nigh exhaustive speculation, together with a holy desire to know her. Along with all these psychic-mental efforts to *know*, we must cheerfully and willingly do all the labor, work and duty that it is our lot to do. Spiritual progress is rapid and easy to him who loves, adores and worships all he can, who thinks, studies and meditates all he can, and who toils, labors and works all he can, for the good of the Whole. The highest attainment is through a happy and harmonious combination of Love, Worship, Study and Works.

Love and good will help to solve mysteries and smooth our path to perfect bliss.

Some men break "rather than bend" and yield to truth.

Do your duty, else no knowledge, beauty, or love will ever lead you to the peace of God. He who says, "I may not be great; I may miss all peace, but I will be true," stands at the altar from which the divine benediction is ever pronounced.—*Jenkin Lloyd Jones*.

I belong to the Universal Church: nothing shall separate me from it. To confine God's love or His Good Spirit to any party, sect, or name, is to sin against the fundamental law of the kingdom of God.—*Channing*.

The way to be free is to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength. This means in all our works to center our mind upon the All Good; that it is good to serve and work; that in all service and work willingly and cheerfully done we are serving and loving God. He who works with all his soul, all his mind, and all his heart is on his way to freedom.

Earnestness is not excitement. The latter is an overwrought condition of the mind, often attending reform movements; but the real work is done quietly—by those who have patience as well as determination.—*Frederick W. Burry*.

It is a truth—a blessed truth—that as we learn to not hurry and worry we learn how to do and accomplish much. Moreover, as we thus learn to live rationally and sensibly and sanely we add greatly to our power, happiness and dignity and greatly prolong our lives and have full, sweet and ripe "old" age—a youthful spirit when we reach the point of a new birth, which we are pleased to call "death." Blessed, indeed, are they who live without this burdensome and disturbing thought of time—that we have only this one life to reach attainment.

Come, beloved souls, let us all awake and arise to that blessed state where we are superior to events and incidents.

MONEY

MONEY is a good thing as backing for one's plans. But when it assumes such a position of importance as to abolish the plans for fear of harm to itself, then it is time for its owner (its slave rather) to examine himself to see where his spirit of manhood has fled.

I have had the most intimate acquaintance with poverty and I am not afraid of it. All the mental and moral strength I have has been acquired in the hand to hand conflict by which I conquered it. Having conquered it joyously, hilariously, jubilantly, and experiencing the vitality that comes of such conquest, am I to stop conquering now, and lay down my arms and go to sleep, rocked in the security of four per cent. bonds, and let the ashes of the dying years drift over me and snow me under, as it has done thousands, and as it is doing to nearly every one of our wealthy men and women to-day?

I don't want money except as it serves a higher purpose than its mere getting. I only want it in order to see what can be done with it. I want it that I may appropriate it to higher and nobler building than the world has ever seen. And I do believe to-day that it has been this lofty aspiration alone that made me master of poverty, and bestowed on me a purse of Fortunatus; that purse in which only one coin finds lodgment, but is still inexhaustible; the purse whose momentary replenishment depends on the courage of its possessor to spend—in perfect truthfulness—what seems to be the last dollar he possesses.

For wealth is in the man and not in his money. Money hoarded is a more serious impediment to a man's progress than any one will readily imagine. It deprives him of the necessity of effort; it stultifies genius; it lulls him to sleep; it destroys the necessity of conquest and eventually the power of conquest also. And when a man's power of conquest is destroyed, he is as dead as a door nail, even though he still creeps abroad in the sunlight and makes an obstruction of himself in the pathway of live men.

If I never see the day when I can pile one bank bill on top of another I am still going to express my life in works. If I have to die as the majority of the people are dying, I had as lieve die in a poor-house as in a palace. But I do not intend to follow the beaten track that every soul has traveled since the beginning of time; the track that leads only to the grave; a fact that utterly condemns it for me, and that has already turned every thought of my life in an opposite direction. I am going to do that which will make money my slave and not my master. Therefore, all I get shall be appropriated to solving this great mystery of life and death; this mystery relating to the Law of Growth; to the powers of the individual to conquer all things.

My position has come to this, am I living near my Saviour then I am as happy as the day is long, and as lighthearted as a child. It may be that I have plenty of annoyances, but they don't trouble me when His presence is with me. Am I down-cast and worried then I am away from God.—*John Kenneth Mackenzie*.

Are we willing to give ourselves entirely to God; to let Him do with us whatever He pleases; to follow anywhere at His bidding; to renounce anything at His call; asking only, in return, that He will give us Himself, with all His infinite love, to be ours from this time forever? If we are thus willing, let us kneel down this moment and tell Him so. Alone with God, let us give Him ourselves, all we have and are and shall be, to be unreservedly His.—*William R. Huntington*.

Lift up your heads, *all* souls! The age of Light is here! Your freedom draweth nigh! Nothing can be lost, much less an eternal soul—*you*, beloved. "Surely the heavens are opened, the angels are in the clouds of heaven, and ministering spirits are working with us as never before." Awake and rejoice! This is the beginning of the real Golden Age!—the Spiritual Age.

The mind, when it is permanently calm and serene, is open to the influx of omnipresent Divine Mind, which gives it tremendous power to dispel all illusions. It is then a spiritually thinking mind, and has no beliefs, true or false, but *knows*; it has merged into the Universal Mind; the progress of thought, when the mind comes in union with Divine Mind, is grand, because it is operating on the plane of Universal Knowledge and acquiring all Wisdom.

Opinion is a medium between knowledge and ignorance.

Come, beloved souls of eternity, cheer up! All of our defeats and failures arm us with power to ultimately overcome and succeed, if we hold our trust in the great God.

It is by patient and continuous contemplation—thinking and observing, and observing and thinking—that man comes to *know*. By observing, thinking, contemplating and meditating, all with love and reverence and sanity, we come to discrimination and discernment; we thus come to a high degree of skill in penetration that leads to a high state of consciousness. To be sure, one must first have a high and strong aspiration to *know* before the mind will cool and calm itself and reach the calm, serene and contemplative state. The Higher Thought of the present day is continually suggesting this most excellent plan for attainment to the whole world, with the result that in no age has mankind thought and reasoned so deeply, so broadly, and so profoundly as *now*. It is the Soul Age that is doing so much to advance civilization. We now have the best in Religion, Philosophy, Art, Science, Literature and Commerce. Any deep thinker and keen observer of events and things need but view the past one hundred years with a contemplative mind to be astounded at the great and lasting good that has come to mankind. No normal-minded person can be a pessimist in these golden days. Even the most hopeful, and cheerful, and optimistic are amazed at the growth and expansion of the world—its progress along all lines. Let's praise God!

We *all* start from "Above" eternal, pure and simple souls, and coming down the scale of existence become involved in gross matter and form countless complex forms—*evolve* forms; for a while we serve in gross matter the Divine Will, and then begin on the upward trend to the "Above." We start from "Above," dwell a while in the "Below," and then ascend to the "Above." "From Life, in Life, back to Life," *always existing*, from everlasting to everlasting. Ignorance and Superstition teach that we start from "Below" and rise; that we are creatures. We *all* are uncreated eternal souls existing in great cycles beyond "time." The blessed One—perfect Unity—lies in a sphere beyond time, nature, or the mind; we are eternal souls from the eternal One, returning to the eternal One through a great cycle of countless complex forms of gross matter. Only by Oneness can we know Being. Oneness is Omniscience. Oneness is definiteness; Dualism is indefiniteness. As a matter of truth there is neither "Above" nor "Below"—only existence.

All things visible are the expressions of an interior spiritual essence. Many a latent beauty remains undeveloped in the recesses of the soul; so an education of the body is necessary before it can become the plastic medium of the soul.

The one misery of man is self-will, the one secret of blessedness is the conquest over our own wills. To yield them up to God is rest and peace. What disturbs us in this world is not "trouble," but our opposition to trouble. The true source of all that frets and irritates and wears away our lives is not in external things, but in the resistance of our wills to the will of God expressed by external things.—*Alexander MacLaren*.

Candidly weigh every thought that comes to thee in the balance of reason and go deep into the Silence and listen to the God within thee, whether the thought be truth or not.—*The Blissful Prophet*.

No one can hope to walk and talk with the angels unless they live pure and holy (whole) lives—*spiritual* lives. To live in the senses is to create an *aura* so dense and impure that our eyes and ears are so obstructed that if the brightest angels appeared before us we could not see or hear them. It is hard to reach sensualists or strong materialists owing to these dark and dense *auras*.

For Dualists

THERE is only what is. Time makes man miserable, the revolution of the earth has hypnotized people with the shadows it has cast. The sun does not make time. The shadows of the earth make time. The whirling world has put wheels of time in man's head. No wonder you don't recognize eternity. The religion that you worship is fashioned after the earth. There is one thing certain, and that is, there will be no recognition, no realization, no generation, no resurrection come to your mind as long as the patchwork of history obstructs your view of eternity. You must learn to recognize only One, eliminate from your mind the idea of beginning and ending. He who was, is he who is, and he who is, is he who is to come, the Almighty. How can I recognize this? Become simple! See the Oneness of all Life! Know that you and that which is, is one. You could not be and be something besides what is. Know that which is cannot be destroyed. Know that all things are incorruptible. Let the thoughts that have thought that there are corruptible things in the universe be swallowed up by the pure and harmonious thought that all things are incorruptible. Thus let the corruptible take on incorruption. There is no natural and supernatural. There is only the Universal. The Universal includes the personal. "I and the Father are one."—*The Golden Rule*.

A FATAL SUCCESS

By CHARLES C. RUPRECHT

ON the evening of the twenty-eighth of February, 1900, I was induced by some near friends to attend a Spiritualistic seance given by a Mr. Cook, a medium of more than local reputation.

As it was a private affair, we were soon well acquainted, and busily engaged in discussing the various phenomena connected with the subject at hand.

Shortly after eight, the medium made his appearance, and the meeting was under way.

After the usual table-tipping, rapping, and so forth had been indulged in to the satisfaction of most of those present, the medium retired to the seclusion of the so-called cabinet, which in this case consisted of a pair of dark cloth curtains stretched across the corner of the room.

The circle having been formed, we all joined hands, to which I did not object in the least, as both my right and left hand partners were of the female persuasion, and young at that.

Considerable delay was occasioned in securing a proper adjustment of the light, but when it was obtained, the medium requested music.

As, unfortunately, there was no music-box, some one suggested singing; so we struck up that song familiar, it must be, from the early days of the Fox Sisters, "There Are Angels Gathering Around."

Under the stimulus of this harmony the medium soon became entranced, as was indicated from certain long-drawn sighs and a peculiar tremor which seemed to pervade the atmosphere.

As my eyes became accustomed to the dimness I seemed to see undefined shapes come and go at the opening of the cabinet, and here and there appeared, momentarily, flecks of phosphorescent light.

That others in the circle saw signs of approaching phenomena was evidenced by the almost hysterical pitch their voices attained at times.

Suddenly there boomed upon the air a deep, sonorous voice announcing the presence of the medium's control, and wishing us the courtesies of the evening.

"Look! look!" whispered the young lady on my left.

I glanced at the opening curtains, and distinctly saw the head and shoulders of an old man. The next instant they were gone.

Then another face appeared. It was that of a young girl, with light hair smoothly brushed back from a low forehead. All the tints of healthy youth were there. Could it be other than real?

Soon they came in swift succession, seeming to crowd upon each other, so eager were they to manifest themselves.

Various sitters were called from the circle to talk with those who claimed to be their departed friends. I sat looking wonderingly on, and hardly knowing what to think, when there appeared at the opening of the curtains a face topped by a mass of dark hair, peculiarly streaked with a dash of white, which extended from forehead to crown.

Listen! a cold, well-modulated voice called my name. I did not stir.

"Go," said some one, "he wishes to talk with you."

I arose reluctantly, as I did not feel much inclined to meet those from "the bourne whence no traveler returns," as some one who had never been to a spirit meeting has called it.

As I approached the cabinet, I distinguished the rapid, sibilant breathing of the medium, and the spirit-face seemed to glow and fade in unison with the struggling breath within.

It was a face of dark-olive complexion, with a great hooked nose and burning eyes.

It was with an unpleasant thrill that I observed a broad purple band rising diagonally from the chin and meeting the white streak upon the hair. It seemed a livid rent seared in the mask-like flesh.

A strange aura of horror seemed to emanate from the apparition before me. A strangled voice, almost fierce, rasped out:

"You are an electrician, as I was one. Take this! take this! Publish it to the world, or I cannot rest."

Out of seemingly nowhere there appeared a bundle of yellow papers, which were thrust into my unwilling hands.

I slipped them into a convenient pocket and turned to see the face fade into a gray mist, and then vanish.

Of what occurred afterward I have but a vague recollection. A few others I know were called to the cabinet and received communications.

Some were curious to know what I had received, but I answered them evasively, and pleading the lateness of the hour, slipped away at the earliest opportunity.

The remainder of the evening was spent at my home in the examination of the MS., which I found to be in the form of a record evidently written at

irregular periods, and pertaining to a series of experiments embracing electricity and physics.

As desired by the apparition, or whatever you may wish to call it, I give the record in the same shape as received, only adding here and there words that were unrecognizable in the original.

"O happy day! Freed from the grind of college, a long life before me, a fortune unlimited, I can begin the work which has haunted me in dreams from the day when first I felt ambition's awakening. I will make my name famous—an Edison, a Tesla, even greater—for I feel that success will crown my efforts where they have failed.

"Well may you ask, 'What is this great work, O boyish egotist?' It is but to utilize the sun's burning rays to warm our homes, to drive the vast mechanisms of our commercial world, to produce that strange ether stress known as electricity, yet once done, a revolution.

"At last I begin my work after a vexatious delay of several months. My laboratory is in working order.

"As I sit here at my desk and glance over the various appliances, the costly instruments, the chemicals, the powerful machinery, all awaiting my willing hand, I feel the divine spark within me. I will succeed.

"Twenty days gone and nothing done. My blood has cooled, and the first flush of enthusiasm has burst into the steady flame of determined purpose.

"Almost a month has been spent in experiments with the thermopile, in testing different metals and compounds, with heated alkalies and carbons, and the result is but nothing, a mere three per cent. of heat utilized.

"To-morrow will see a new start. I am on the wrong path. This is but a blind alley.

"What use to record nothing but failure? Can it be but a dream, an alchemist's stone I seek? When all but within my grasp, it falls, it vanishes, and leaves me amid the chaos of useless apparatus.

"Despond? No, I will not. Perhaps some small detail, some slight mistake lies between me and success.

"Why do I idle here? Perforce I must await the rising sun before I can turn toward his beaming face my mirror with its twenty thousand facets, my great concentrator of his heaven-born fire.

"I will sleep and gain the strength for to-morrow's trial; yet in my dreams I shall struggle with the task before me.

"O flaming sun! little wonder the ancient Persians called thee God of all; for within thy rays lies the secret that I crave.

"Where is the substance that will stand before thy focussed heat?

"In vain I search. Platinum runs as water, carbon becomes a waxy paste, then falls in incandescent drops; the diamond but for a moment glows with purple light, then fades away in a mist.

"Disappointment has been my lot. Is there yet anything to try? I can think of nothing, my brain whirls, I seem to live within the misty realms of a dream. When or how I eat I know not.

"Alone within my laboratory, I give myself to the solving of this great problem, only hoping now where once so certain of success. O egotism of youth! so soon is lost its glow!

"At last! at last! Whence comes this inspiration? I know not, but there comes to my mind the thought of that strange and little known metal, radium, with its properties that seemingly defy the law of conservation of energy, forever giving out light and receiving nothing in return.

"Radium must be produced, but how? There is in existence a few grammes, perhaps enough for my test, yet not for love or money can they be had. I must prepare my own from the crude ore.

"One month of unwearying toil, of stupendous labor in the intense heat of the electric furnaces, amidst the suffocating fumes of boiling acids.

"It was no small task to reduce some two hundred tons of that strange mineral, hornblende, to the small mass that lies before me, some forty ounces in all, glowing with a peculiar apple-green light, which burns the eyes and skin as does the sun's unshaded glow.

"But a little remains to be done. The ray filters are in place before the face of the mirror, allowing only the ultra-violet ray to pass.

"The battery of radium plates, some two hundred in number, lie within its focus.

"I await but the coming of the sun to prove me right.

"What joy should be mine, and yet a strange sadness steals over me, and a shadow seems to fall across my soul.

"Can I fail? Has all my work been for naught? Away with gloomy thoughts! To-morrow will tell, and 'tis Christmas morn of good omen.

"With great impatience I await the rising sun. The sky is cloudless. The air is crystal.

"Everything is ready for the first faint beams. The mirror is adjusted to a hair's breadth, volt and ampere meters connected, and I, notebook in hand, pace back and forth.

"One minute, thirty seconds, five, one. See! see! the needles move gradually up, as the sun's rays grow stronger. Will they never stop? One thousand, ten, a hundred thousand volts. The radium plates glow with unearthly light. Electric flames dart here and there.

"I scarce can write, success so thrills me through. Success is mine. My dream is real. To-morrow shall the world ring with my—"

The MS. abruptly ends here, and it was only after extended research in the periodicals for December, 1901, that I found the following item:

"Milan, Dec. 27.

"The scientific circles of our city were much pained to hear of the death of Giovanni Tesso, a rising young electrician, who was found in his laboratory amidst the ruins of some complicated electrical apparatus.

"He had apparently met death from electrical shock sustained while experimenting, as his face was peculiarly marked with a purple burn."

Emphasize Children's Virtues

By Margaret Stowe

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THE more parents learn to understand their children the greater is their power of self-control and the ability to mold their characters, says The New York Journal.

If a mother has wisdom enough, patience enough, and love enough, she can perform miracles.

She can keep down in her child tendencies that have the strength of lions and encourage germs of virtue almost too feeble to come to the light.

It is a common fault among parents to dwell too much upon the faults of their children and too little upon their virtues.

They seem to be wholly forgetful of their own sensitiveness to public censure. A child that is constantly found fault with loses courage and wonders if there is any use in trying to be good, then soon returns to utter indifference.

He might as well have a good time in his own way, since he is considered thoughtless and selfish, anyhow.

On the other hand, let a mother try to remember the good things he has done or said during the day, even though it may be only one, and when he comes to her at night for a little talk or his prayers, tell him how pleased you were to notice them, how happy they have made you, and you feel sure that he will always remember to go on doing what is right, first, because it is right, and then because it pleases you and makes you very proud of him.

Watch his face glow with pleasure at your praise and his eyes reflect the determination to try harder than ever to win your approbation.

I have seen a child's whole nature change and develop for the better under this treatment.

It stands to reason that if you dwell upon the faults of children you will only impress them all the deeper upon their consciousness, making it harder for them to conquer them.

A fault can be put out of the mind easier and more successfully than by dwelling upon it, but by attempting to put it out indirectly by filling the mind with encouraging thought.

Children need encouragement as far as reforming goes. Look only for the good, and when you find it emphasize it so they may have an incentive for trying all the harder. A child is easily wounded with a sense of its failures, and mothers should make the effort to inspire and cheer them.

Always send your children to bed in a happy frame of mind. Even in their sleep that impression is retained, and they awaken in the morning ready and eager to do their best.

Not long ago I read of a beautiful idea. Parents would do well to put it into practice.

The thought was this: Singing, which is one of the most beneficial and exhilarating pastimes for children, is not sufficiently indulged in.

It is singularly difficult to induce children in Sunday-school to sing out freely, and when there are strangers present the little ones are almost sure to be seized with a shyness that makes them dumb.

Much of this shyness would be overcome if in the family there was a practice of singing together in the evening.

Pianos are everywhere, and almost all mothers can play enough to manage a few simple melodies. A "good-night song" before separating would be found to soothe away some of the cares and vexations of the day, and the children would be more ready to go peacefully to bed, their minds having been calmed and their nerves quieted by the music.

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Let Go

By Mystic No. 12

"Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted."—Matt., 5, 4.

"The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment."—Luke, 12, 32.

There was soul there and body,
There was rest and repose;
A man was a man—
Not the clothes were the clothes;
For all left their best in the
Trunk packed away
And reveled in freedom from
What folks might say.

—Mystic No. 12.

It is sometimes necessary for us to let go our clutch before we can receive more. Napoleon, at a critical time, threw his heavy cannon into the water, made a rapid march, surprised the enemy and won his battle. Sometimes God has to destroy our cannon for us, when we refuse to let go. Many years ago I heard this illustration from the pulpit: "An artist very much wrapped up in his marble ideal, forgot the conditions about him. Stepping back, one more step would have dashed him to the ground, a mangled corpse, with his companion struck a blow that forever marred his work; he sprang quickly to save it and his own life was saved." "The life is more than meat." Let this word come to you this month: "Let go."

The story of Joseph, Genesis, 37, 5, is a beautiful story, showing how God comforts "they that mourn," and that God makes the wrath and hate of men all work for Good.

Read Emerson's essay, "Compensation." We find the same in God's Word. The Law of Duality. Where little is given, little is required. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."—Luke, 12, 48. God gives to all his children equal blessings.

Many years ago I was one of a party of twelve to climb to the top of Mt. Marcy. When we reached the wilderness, there was no road, no path; but the trees were "blazed." Someone had passed over this way before us and left a mark upon the trees which our guides could follow. For two days we followed the guides. Had we trusted to our own "understanding" we would never have reached the top of Mt. Marcy. We would have wandered about, lost in the wilderness. We could see but a little way, shut in as we were by foliage. Yet we trusted the guides that there was a Mt. Marcy and that we should reach the top, although it was a work of faith and not of sight. But the

morning of the second-day came and we reached a clearing on the mountainside, where there had been a landslide. Then we caught our first glimpse of the scene below. Then we knew we had been gaining the heights, and soon we reached the top of Mt. Marcy just as the sun was rising. And we were repaid for our toil. Now apply this rule to getting health. It took me seven years to reach the heights.

I have proved in my own life these Laws of Life and they have sustained me for more than a quarter of a century. I earnestly say, continue in my vibrations, let me be your guide until the light of perfect health dawns upon you and you have reached the heights.

"How should one chase a thousand and two to put ten thousand to flight?"—Deut., 32, 30.

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."—Matt., 18, 19, 20.

A young man writes and asks "if it makes any difference what food we eat?" Read Genesis, 1, 29. "And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat."

If you wish to know the why and wherefore of this food question, read THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES from Vol. 1, No. 1, to date.

"The kind of food we eat is a large factor in determining our mental and emotional life, and this relationship should be more thoroughly studied and appreciated."

"The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice."
"He preserveth the souls of his saints."—Psalm 97, 1, 10.

Success

'Tis the coward who yields to misfortune;
'Tis the fickle who changes each day;
He is foolish who wins half the battle,
Then throws all his chances away.

There is little in life beyond labor,
And to-morrow may find that a dream;
Success is the bride of Endeavor—
Good Luck but a meteor's dream.

The time to get first is when others
Show signs of beginning to tire;
For the contest is keenest at closing,
And is won 'twixt the flag and the fire.
—John Trotwood Moore.

Had Tuberculosis of Both Lungs, Now has no Symptom of the Disease

Dear Brother—Enclosed find \$1.00 for the coming month. A—S—, who, the physicians say, had tuberculosis of both lungs, now has no symptom of the disease. A physician examined her here recently. She has gone back home in good health and good spirits, but we will keep her in the health vibrations some longer. I am so well and everything seems so lovely in life, all its duties and all its work.

MARTON H. LESLIE,
8 Boutelle avenue, Waterville, Me.

I am Living in a New Sphere

Dear Brother—What a great change in me since the first time I wrote you! Your healing vibrations are a wonder to me. I am so happy. I am living, as it were, in a new sphere. My prayer is "God bless you" abundantly, and may many, many more who are in need of help learn to know of you as I did, and be blessed with health.

Yours, with sincere gratitude,
MINNIE JENSEN,
2023 Sherman ave., Omaha, Neb.

"Without the Word was not anything made that was made. My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper whereto I sent it.

"Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree.

"For our God will abundantly pardon."—Isaiah, 55.

I Begin to See the Bright Side of Life

Dear Brother Mystic No. 12—Please find enclosed \$1.00 for another month's treatment. I have enjoyed better health the last two months than I have for four years. Thanks to the Mystic Healing Circle. I begin to see the bright side of life once more.

G. F.

A wife writes:

Enclosed find \$1.00 to pay for another month's vibrations for myself and husband. As for myself I have been greatly helped spiritually and mentally. I have, ever since your treatments began, realized an uplifting power that has made life different. The help that has come to my husband seems almost marvelous. He was discouraged, depressed, overworked, irritable, and almost a wreck. The people with whom he is associated have changed their attitude toward him. His work is easier and much more pleasant. He seems to have changed. He sees business and home associations in a different light. I cannot be too thankful for all the help you are sending me.

Mrs. B.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." Slowly, quietly, surely.

Dear Mystic No. 12—I thank you very much for your last printed letter which is truly inspiring. Before getting into your vibrations I had weak, nervous spells almost every afternoon. Since entering into your vibrations this trouble has entirely disappeared. Therefore, I feel that in a short time I shall be entirely well. Praying God to bless you, I remain, yours truly,

E. G.

"Best Sleep I have had for Months"

Mystic No. 12—I went to bed last night at 7.30, sleeping most of the time until 4 A.M. Best sleep I have had for months.

G. H. S.

"Let there be Light"

Dear Mystic No. 12—I find when I am alone and reading your soul-inspiring messages, there is such a peace and such a beautiful light. And a something words cannot express comes to me. Something I cannot quite grasp, but, oh! it leaves such beautiful, sweet peace and calm, that truly I am in heaven now. God bless you for all the help you are giving us mortals, is ever the prayer of one who will try from now on to love all and do all the good she can.

Mrs. E. B.

We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass so fresh and sweet;
For song of bird and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!
—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

SAYINGS OF THE BLISSFUL PROPHET

Observations on Eternal Life, Specially Written for
The Magazine of Mysteries

"That which exists is one; Sages call it variously."
—*Rig-Veda*, I, 164, 46.

INVOCATION

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant me understanding, knowledge and wisdom to write here words of Truth, Love and Hope. O blessed guardian angel! I ask thee for Light from the Angel Spheres, and may my guides and controls guard my mind and hand, that nothing but the Truth may be written. All for the glory of God, the Holy Spirit and the Holy Angels. Amen.

Blessed is the man that walketh with the great God and the Angels!

Thus cometh man into omniscience—by walking and talking with the Omniscient One.

And what is the great blessing of oneness with the Omniscient One? It is *knowing* that blessed truth—"that which exists is One."

In realizing oneness man ceases to hate and fear and begins to love the All, and in loving the All he becomes a great Co-worker with God and the Angels, for the good of the All.

It has been written: "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." The Truth says: Love God with all your soul, heart and mind and *live* the life here and now, with that peace, force and joy that comes of realizing oneness.

Oneness teacheth that God loveth and never hateth; oneness with the Omniscient One clearly and forever opens the mind to the blessed truth that God hateth nothing, but loveth *All*.

It is both foolish and idle to address empty words to God, such words as: "O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure." These words cometh from the carnal or dualistic mind.

In oneness with God, man knoweth forever that from everlasting to everlasting there is neither hate, anger nor wrath in the mighty All-Father-Mother of Love.

Man becomes weary in moaning and groaning as he lives in dualism.

The dualistic mind, of necessity, is filled with pessimism and with enemies, and its constant cry is: "Mine eye is consumed because of grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies."

In oneness cometh universal and eternal love, and universal and eternal love transforms all enemies into friends; or rather, burns away from the mind all the veils of illusion about our enemies.

Man creates enemies, only as he thinks them, and lacks love for the All.

He that loveth All, All loveth him.

It is the flame of Love, kindled and kept aflame by the knowledge of the Oneness of All Life, that melts and dissipates into nothingness all the forces or vibrations that disturb man.

Nothing in the whole universe can disturb the Universal lover—he that loves God and Being as our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus, taught us to love.

Blessed are the eyes of the Christlike man, for he sees only eternal oneness of eternal Life.

Holy (whole) men who have completely given up mortal mind and mortal will and come into complete and perfect union with God, see and hear as mortal cannot see or hear.

In oneness comes seership and all the fruits and blessings of the Eternal Spirit. "Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see," said Lord Jesus to his disciples. "For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

We cannot see and hear until we really love our neighbor as ourselves.

We can have no health of mind and body and joy and peace until we love as God loves—until we *love all*.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

Live the Golden Rule and you will live in oneness; mere belief in this Blessed Rule availeth little.

Live the Sermon on the Mount and you will see and hear God and the Angels and know there is no difference between you and your neighbor; that both of you are the eternal and blessed children of the one eternal ALL-FATHER-MOTHER; that all beings are eternal spirits *here and now and always*, in different degrees of evolution, in different forms,

on different planes of action, yet *all* moving forward, onward and upward to one goal—infinite and eternal perfection and oneness with God.

In oneness there is Peace, Joy, Force, Power, Knowledge and Wisdom; in dualism we are fearful, doubtful, sorrowful, forceless, powerless, and are filled with the illusions and delusions that come from a lack of knowing.

In oneness we become Christlike, and are no longer bound and ground by fear and doubt; we reach the blessed super-conscious state where we are beyond the law of mortal mind, mortal will and nature—we transcend both mortal mind, will and nature; in dualism we are limited, small and petty.

In oneness man fully comprehends God and sees and hears and knows the blessed All-Father-Mother; in dualism man believes God is incomprehensible.

In oneness God is ever nearer than thought, and there is no apartness or separateness of any being or thing in the universe; in dualism man is partial, selfish, lustful, hateful, revengeful, cruel, weak and cowardly.

In oneness God is; in dualism God was.

In oneness man is more than man; he walks upright and does not faint, mumble, grumble or stumble; in dualism he is weak, sick and faint, and life is vague, misty and uncertain.

In oneness Life is Love, is perfectly orderly, eternal, progressive, grand and beautiful; in dualism, discord, inharmony, woe and misery seem to be the order of life and events.

In oneness man sees and knows *all* Truth, and does not scan surfaces, magnify error, and dwell in the illusion of Time; in dualism man is a shallow and superficial thinker who permits all the petty events of his eternal life to cloud and overshadow its real purpose and its real beauty.

But blessed Truth!—dualism is only a temporary state of the mind; as the eternal spirit, the real man, progresses, unfolds and evolves along the Eternal Path, some time, somewhere, he is satiated with the pleasures, woes and miseries that attend him, and in his despair he cries out to God for Love and Light. Lo! a miracle is performed! He is aroused, awakened! The new birth takes place! He begins to recognize and realize the eternal presence of the Christ within his own eternal soul. God by His mighty, persistent and insistent love has at last reached him, and he is made sane and whole and free—he has come into oneness with the blessed One. This is the blessed at-one-ment.

No being in the universe can forever resist the mighty love of God. The mighty arms of the All-Father-Mother are ever ready to enfold the wandering and prodigal child, and more than that, will enfold him, sooner or later.

No one can escape or be lost from God—all must eventually come into the Kingdom.

But, beloved, how much better it is for us to awaken *now*, this very minute, and come into the Kingdom, and forever be free, peaceful, joyful and blissful.

The Kingdom is within thee, if it were not so our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus, would not have said so. The Father and He were one, and His mission on Earth was solely to lead men into oneness with God—the ALL.

The Master did not come to earth to establish beliefs and dogmas. Not at all!—He came to give men life, love, light; to teach them to live the life, not merely believe in it; to help men to *know*, to recognize and realize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and the oneness and unity of all Life.

O mighty and eternal All-Father-Mother of Love and Compassion we adore Thee, we love Thee, for Thy great and patient love which will eventually deliver us all from our illusions and make us one with Thee. Blessed indeed will be the day when we all conform and subject ourselves to Thy blessed Will. O universal and overflowing fountain of Love and patience, how blessed Thou art! May all Thy children realize that they are not always to mourn and weep in the valley of dualism. Amen.

Death is not what it seems to mortal mind. It is but the laying off of an old garment. When one comprehends reincarnation he will never make such a fuss over death. The "inscrutable mystery" is such only to mortal mind.—*Occult Truths*.

SUNDAY—

I know not where His islands lift
Their fronded palms in air;
I only know I cannot drift
Beyond His love and care.

MONDAY—The best part of one's life is the performance of his daily duties. All higher motives, ideals, conceptions, sentiments, in a man are of no account if they do not come forward to strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.—*H. W. Beecher*.

TUESDAY—

For a' that and a' that,
It's comin' yet, for a' that,
That man to man shall brothers be,
The world o'er, for a' that!

WEDNESDAY—Life is made up not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles, kindness and small obligations given habitually are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.—*Sir H. Davy*.

THURSDAY—

They might not need me—
Yet they might;
I'll let my heart be
Just in sight;
A smile so small
As mine might be
Precisely their
Necessity.

—*Emily Dickinson*.

FRIDAY—The greatest pleasure in life is love, the greatest treasure is contentment, the greatest possession is health, the greatest ease is sleep.—*Addison*.

SATURDAY—

Then nestle your hand in your Father's,
And sing, if you can, as you go;
Your song may cheer someone behind you
Whose courage is sinking low.
And, if your lips do quiver,
God will love you the better so.

Useless and hurtful memories can be crowded out by filling the mind with better things. Much of such recollections are mere idle reveries that can be swept away by the fresh breeze of enthusiasm, activity, and duty. Happy memories, kindly feelings, noble ideas, generous plans, may so fill the heart and employ the mind that there will be neither room nor place for mournful and futile reminiscences.

The man who neglects to study himself is more or less cold.

A Personal Request to Our Readers

By complying with this request, you will be joining hands with us in bringing a great amount of sunshine and happiness to your friends and acquaintances.

We are doing our best to truly publish a Magazine that will bring healthy, happy and prosperous vibrations to every soul. Our circle of friends has grown to be quite a fair-sized circle, but we feel it our duty to bend every effort to constantly enlarge that circle, and we ask you as a personal favor to send us the names and addresses of at least twenty-five of your friends who would read "OUR MAGAZINE" with interest, and who require its cheering and helpful teachings, and we will send them a free sample copy of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES.

If you will do this, we will send you as a token of our appreciation, five beautiful pictures by the world's most famous artists. These pictures are exquisitely finished, and their artistic reproduction entitles them to a place in the homes of the most refined and cultured people.

We know that you will gladly send us the names and addresses of twenty-five people without asking us to send you anything, but we desire to present to our friends who will make this special effort for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES, these five pictures as a souvenir of one of the mile-stones which we have passed in spreading health, happiness and prosperity to all mankind.

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We stand for whatsoever is true, pure, elevating, helpful and practical.

We believe in optimism, theoretical and practical. We believe in every word that is helpful, from whatsoever source.

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We want to help you, dear friend, to realize that you are a pensioner of the Divine Bounty, and to that end we invite you to partake of the good, the beautiful, and the true ideas which constitute our monthly feast.

REFLECTIONS ON THOUGHT LEADING UP TO THE LAST DAYS OF A GREAT SOUL

By S. A. WELTMER

PRENTICE MULFORD gave utterance to the statement that "Thoughts are things." It was considered an idle speculation. The same author, in earlier years, had given expression to the same sentiment, and it was followed by severe criticism. Eighteen years passed before the public mind would consider the postulate, "Thoughts are things." Notwithstanding the fact that Jesus stated some two thousand years ago, the thoughts He uttered were more enduring than heaven, earth or even time itself. He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words (which are the embodiment of thought) shall never pass away." How can this be proven? Every action that finds expression in a human body is the manifestation of the thought the mind has formulated. When we first attempt to measure what thought is, our intelligence is challenged to consider the intangible. Thought, to the casual thinker, seems to have only a passing vitality; but when we regard thought as being a creation of the human mind, when we remember mind is the spirit essence of man, man made in the image and likeness of his Creator, we discover thought is man's creative force. Thought is man's expression of his divinity or of his eternal discord. It follows, then, as a logical sequence, that his creations are discordant or divine. Thoughts are the only things man can create. One may ask, "Is not the steam engine a creation of man?" The principle involved is a creation, but the inventor simply uses the material in Nature's storehouse and constructs the representation of his thought. The completed machine is that creation expressed in material form. Any mechanic who can comprehend the principle can, out of the same material, construct another machine of similar design, but he does it, not because of the material. Iron and steel are inert. He does it because his mind holds a complete idea of the thought, as complete as the finished picture on the canvas. Everything in the physical world is a radical statement of the Divine Mind. The tree is a statement of a creation of Divinity. It takes the trunk, all the leaves and branches, to form a tree, and the tree as a whole is a manifestation of Divine thought. Human thought is the Divine thought in miniature. Some years ago it would have been useless to declare that thoughts produce a vibration that is never lost. Man is God's creation. His power to act is derivative. Thinking antedates action. The power to think is creative power. The very function of thought is creative. The thoughts uttered by the Man of Galilee are vibrating to-day in thought atmospheres just as certainly as electricity vibrates and forms an active principle of the atmosphere of the physical world. Electricity has always existed in diffusion. Man's thought has given it material form. Electrical science has demonstrated that the thought of the material world is quivering in the atmosphere for our use. The electrician has learned to construct a little disc so sensitive that the slightest electrical disturbance will be registered upon it. Though there be no connecting wire, another instrument miles away will record the same sound. The human mind is now becoming sensitized, like the disc of the metallic plate, to catch these thoughts. Every thought, once sent into space, is still vibrating, is easily detected and perfectly transferable to any mind that makes itself passive to thought. Words cannot convey an estimate of the value of thought as a thing. Were I to attempt to tell what all of thought, as an entirety, means to me, language would fail to express it. No one could comprehend its slightest elemental power. One thought causes a whole world of thought to vibrate. Man can cultivate the power to receive thought. Says one, "A thought came to me." Where from? The man who can project thought into another mind must be able to receive one thought to the exclusion of all others, but the old thought seems to have an enchantment for the mind. The mind, by some strange perversity, welcomes the old friend with kindlier grace. Or, in some unguarded moment, he leaves ajar the door of the laboratory of his thought, and the uninvited guest finds entrance. The world is opposed to innovations. It does not wish to surrender its treasure, even though the market value has declined. The human mind is so constructed that not one single thought, even the most vivid conception of God, can enter it until it is receptive to that thought. The passive soul is always in touch and has easy access to the Source of Power, and it will respond to his appeal. All the wisdom it takes to stretch an earth into space, to make a universe of which the earth forms an infinitesimal part, lies at man's disposal. It was but a single declaration of Divinity, "Let there be light," but instantly light diffused itself through the entire circle of created spheres. Light is the emanation from the Divine mind that enables man to see things around him. Light itself is invisible.

When electricity became one of the means of producing light, the spectrum showed rays in higher vibrations, until these vibrations became so high they were invisible. Still, the spectrum showed there were other rays. Not knowing how to define them, they were called X-rays, X standing, in mathematical formulas, for the unknown quantity. After a while they found they could get a machine to vibrate with the same rate of motion that electricity vibrates in diffusion. By multiplying that speed fifty times, these rays produced a spark that would shine through solid wood.

The thoughts man entertains in life, when he leaves the body will remain in the world's atmosphere as the sum total of his spiritual ideal. One writer has defined the human soul "A harp with a thousand strings." When the purpose of man's life has been to honor and glorify his Maker, that life is as a harp all of whose strings vibrate in perfect unison. The harpist thinks, when he smites the lowest chords, he has attempted a difficult task. He finds, as he tunes the next chord, it responds more readily, and each successive string becomes easier to tune. When he reaches the middle string it is easily tuned. It bears him upward, and he finds the strings in the higher octaves are already in tune. So, as man passes from the physical to the spiritual, he finds every spirit string was tuned by the hand of Divinity, ready to harmonize with man's effort to seek truth. But the highest notes of the human soul will be inaudible until the lowest notes are tuned. Upper harp thoughts are the thoughts of the seers of all ages. These harps have for their themes the eternal entities.

Thus, it is perceived, the evils that come into our lives are those we admit. Every man and woman presents a perfect physical photograph of their own mental conception. Spiritual thoughts do not mar the body. Man manifests in his body what he believes about his body. He manifests in his daily actions what he believes about his fellow-men, and thus through the whole category. The Law is absolute. It has no variations. Were the race to-day to put itself in the attitude of waiting for a passive, harmonious thought, it would find the meaning of Christ's statement, "My peace I leave with you," and every human heart open to that thought vibration would sound that note of peace.

Divinity has so invested us with the power of thought that it is an inherent part of ourselves. God has so constructed the world that when He puts a statement into existence, even in the natural world, He has invested a part of Himself.

When Solon, the great Athenian law-giver, visited Croesus, the richest man in Asia Minor, Croesus put the question to Solon, "Who should be the happiest man?" Solon's answer was replete with wisdom. He said, "The degree of man's life happiness can only be determined by the character of his death."

Solon's definition of happiness shows our late martyred President to have been the happiest man in the universe. Under the stroke of the assassin, his first utterance is a prayer for his murderer, not for himself. Such prayer, under the sudden shadow of death, has never before fallen from human lips. It has been possible to man after hours of reflection. It is the music of the great minor tone of Calvary. It tells the world the keynote of the Saviour's teachings is sounded by the lips of death in the twentieth century and in the very chamber of power.

We may well affirm the world is getting better when the ideals of the One Man Eloquent have become the ideals of government. President McKinley knew what it is to be an American citizen. He demonstrated in the eyes of all the nations that a man could be a Christian and a politician at the same time. He proved his Christianity by his citizenship, and is a living demonstration of applied Christianity. It is an axiom of my philosophy that character is the thing which thought is. *President McKinley's life is the masterpiece drawn by life's great artist on the canvas of the ages.*

A great soul meets all souls as equals. Such a one has realized the oneness of Life and things and is naturally polite and courteous to all. It is this universal love and nothing else that can make one well-mannered. In describing his first call on Ralph Waldo Emerson, Mr. Charles Malloy says: "It was a terrible test to see him alone, the eyes of the Uriel looking calmly into mine. I trembled as I knocked at his door, and was almost sorry I came. The rich, strong, sonorous voice bade me come in, and in a moment he was not terrific. On the contrary, he met me with such kindness, such humility and deference, that a spectator might have thought that I was the great man, and not he. The wide disparity was annulled, and in a way I was made an equal. Such is the power of manners in a natural king; and I also was a king, and was not afraid."

Curious Case of Deception

A VERY curious case of deception was communicated to me by the son of the lady principally concerned, and tends to show out of what mean materials a venerable apparition may be sometimes formed. In youth this lady resided with her father, a man of sense and resolution. Their house was situated in the principal street of a town of some size. The back part of the house ran at right angles to an Anabaptist chapel, divided from it by a small cabbage-garden. The young lady used sometimes to indulge the romantic love of solitude, by sitting in her own apartment in the evening, till twilight, and even darkness, was approaching.

One evening, while she was thus placed, she was surprised to see a gleamy figure, as of some aerial being, hovering, as it were, against the arched window in the end of the Anabaptist chapel. Its head was surrounded by that halo which painters give to the Catholic saints; and, while the young lady's attention was fixed on an object so extraordinary, the figure bent gracefully toward her, more than once, as if intimating a sense of her presence, and then disappeared. The seer of this striking vision descended to her family, so much discomposed as to call her father's attention. He obtained an account of the cause of her disturbance, and expressed his intention to watch in the apartment next night. He sat, accordingly, in his daughter's chamber, where she also attended him. Twilight came, and nothing appeared; but as the gray light faded into darkness, the same female figure was seen hovering on the window; the same shadowy form; the same pale light around the head; the same inclinations, as the evening before. "What do you think of this?" said the daughter to the astonished father. "Anything, my dear girl," said the father, "rather than allow that we look upon what is supernatural."

A strict research established a natural cause for the appearance on the window. It was the custom of an old woman, to whom the garden beneath was rented, to go out at night to gather cabbages. The lantern she carried in her hand threw up the refracted reflection of her form on the chapel window. As she stooped to gather up her cabbages, the reflection appeared to bend forward, and that was the whole matter.

Spirit of Life and Love

THOU hear'st the rustling amongst the trees,
And feel'st the cool, refreshing breeze,
And see'st the clouds move along the sky,
And the cornfields waving gracefully.

'Tis the Wind that rustles among the trees,
That comes in the cool, refreshing breeze,
That drives the clouds along the sky,
And causes the corn to wave gracefully.

The Wind is something thou canst not see,
'Tis thin Air—and a source of life to thee,
And it teaches that something may really be,
May exist, and work, which thou canst not see.

And those who are under the Spirit's control
Perceive in their minds, and feel in their soul,
That the Spirit of Light which comes from above
Is a Spirit of Life, and a Spirit of Love.
—Sacred Musical Offering.

The intelligent force that builds a temporary bone ring to keep a broken bone in place, then removes it when no longer needed, is worthy of man's full acknowledgment. Again, this intelligence will take away the appetite when fever is present. Men must learn to trust the intelligence of Nature while governing in her own domain.—*Paul Edwards.*

When we study the writings of men it is well if, after much pains and labor, we find some particles of truth among the great deal of error. When we read the Scriptures all we meet with is truth—a Living Well that purifies and strengthens the Soul of man.—*G. C.*

Truth and Charity

It is a pleasure to stand on the shore and see ships tossed upon the sea; a pleasure to stand in the window of a castle and see a battle and the adventures thereof below; but no pleasure comparable to the vantage ground of Truth (a hill not to be commanded, and where the air is always clear and serene), and to see the errors, and wanderings, and mists, and tempests, in the vale below; so always that this prospect be with pity, and not with swelling or pride. Certainly it is heaven upon earth to have a man's mind move in charity, rest in Providence, and turn upon the poles of Truth.—*Bacon.*

The whole universe is a combination of Life and Matter—Co-eternal. All energy is a part of Life. All the energy in life here on this planet we can trace to the Sun. Heat is life; cold is death. The more Life the more energy and force. Spirit, Life, Energy, Force, Heat are one. Back of all is fervent, eternal Love—God. Love generates and sustains all Life, Heat, Energy, Force—is all these.



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Thought shows one Grand Magnetic Point,
Round which all Suns revolve;
And leads to one Grand Central Source,
Which all creeds try to solve.
As Suns have many Satellites,
So creeds and churches, too,
Have many souls who cling round them
Preferring that one view.
But, when that Central Point is found,
The source of Good and Right,
Then smallest and most distant things
Will turn to It for Light.
Wisdom must work its perfect way
And Earth revolve round Sun,
Till Life becomes a song each day,
As God's great work is done.—Zamael.

Mrs. C. J. CEDON, Va., born April 16, 1869.—I find from your date of birth that the Sun was situated in the Celestial sign, Aries. This is your birth-sign. The sign is a fiery one, and is the first sign of the Zodiac. It is a positive, commanding sign. This causes many of your impulsive actions.

The Earth at the time was in the Airy sign, Libra. These positions would give you fair ability in writing or in calculation. This sign ruling the head gives natural reasoning ability and makes clear thinkers. It also gives inventive qualities and power for directing others.

As a teacher in the schools of your neighborhood you can meet with success and you will be led to make some change during the coming year which will give you a broader field to work in or increased opportunities in some line of educational work.

Your brain is active and productive, in fact, is probably the most active portion of your whole body. You are liable to go to extremes, and express yourself too strongly.

You are a natural lover of scientific thought and of the world's brightest intellects. You have a strong attraction toward work of a scientific or philosophical character.

The sapphire, turquoise and opal are your birth-stones. Either of these has a favorable influence. Blue, green and pink are your colors. Tuesday is one of your fortunate days. The ruling planet of your sign is Mars.

LUCY J., born Jan. 12, 1876.—The sign of the Zodiacal circle in which the Sun, the ruler of vital forces, was situated at the time of your birth is Capricorn, and the positions of the signs and the planets at that time combine to give you excellent reasoning powers, making you do whatever work you undertake with earnestness and causing you to be somewhat reflective. There are frequent occasions in which you are inclined to calm, sober thought and in which you may sometimes become despondent or look on the dark side of life. You are diligent and steadfast as a worker and can adhere to anything you undertake with determination. As a rule, you are careful and orderly in your methods. You would succeed well at the head of almost any large business or corporation where you were required to exercise your reasoning powers. Unless you can get some work that requires you to exert your mind, you are inclined to remain contented to work for a small amount, without seeking to better your condition. Your liability to make yourself miserable by giving way to despondent moods is one of your greatest faults. You appreciate the respect of others, but detest flattery. You have little love for fine social forms, but desire sincerity in the actions of those around you. The onyx is your birth-stone, and should be worn if you are interested in any occult studies or intend to take advantage of your present opportunities for the development of clairvoyance or psychic power.

SARAH B. MOULTON, born Aug. 29, 1871.—The ruling sign of the Zodiac at the time of your birth was Virgo. It is classed as an Earthy, negative, magnetic sign, and has a strong connection with the

influences acting upon the region of the Solar Plexus and the stomach of mankind. The Earth at the same time was situated in the Watery sign, Pisces. These positions endow you with a discriminating, retiring disposition; still, you are frequently very energetic. You are ingenious and capable. You often go to extremes, but, as a rule, are quite orderly in your methods. This day brought to the place of your birth a strong influence of the planet Mercury, and by this planet you have been controlled nearly all your life. You have an active Mercurial disposition and are somewhat changeable in character. You have much love for home and society, and will be able to make a very happy home for someone, but you are too much inclined to worry unnecessarily over trifles. You should try to cultivate contentment; you will make life happier for yourself and those around you by so doing. You are most liable to illness affecting your stomach and nervous system. You should be careful in the selection of your foods, and get a little outdoor exercise each day. Use the red carnelian agate as your birth-stone, and gray or blue as astrological colors for quieting, soothing and healing vibrations.

JOS. LANCASTER, born June 30, 1876.—Your birth-sign as indicated by the position of the Sun in the Zodiac at the time of birth is Cancer, but this sign being ruled by the moon makes the moon's influence of much importance to you. The positions clearly indicate that, as a rule, you are bright and cheerful when you awake in the morning, but have a short period of depression at near sunset or just after. Do not give way to this. You are sometimes the cause of an attraction which brings into your society those who are repulsive to you, and you find it difficult to get free from or repel them. You should seek the most harmonious associations it is possible for you to obtain. You find it very hard to accept dictation in any way. You are fond of ornament, jewelry, etc. You are changeable in your tastes. You are quick to resent injury or criticism, but you are liable to have some faults, among which are selfishness, vanity and inconstancy. Your chief illnesses are such as are the result of mental strain or worry, etc. If the mind is at ease you become more healthy. Your most favorable companion in domestic life or business affairs is one who is born between the 20th of February and the same date of March, or between the 23d of October and the 22d of November. The emerald and the moon are the gems you should wear, and white and green are your true colors.

Mrs. MATTIE L. COCHRANE, born Aug. 7, 1865.—At the time of your birth the life-giving Sun was situated in the Celestial sign, Leo. This is therefore called your birth-sign. By your having been born at this time you come under the rule of the second of the Fiery signs of the Zodiac, and are endowed with some of the impulsive energies inherent to this part of the heavens. You are kind-hearted and generous, and have a strong love for home. You have indications of many friends, and some of these are quite powerful ones. It is clearly shown by your horoscope that you will never get into financial want, but will always be well provided for. You have been born under very favorable planetary influences. There are many born in your sign who have been endowed with healing forces, and the mental qualities given to you are such as will enable you to grasp some of the higher truths and apply them to a good purpose. The personal magnetism of your nature is such as to enable you to hold friendships very strongly. The sign of your birth being the heart of the grand man of the heavens enables you to come into correspondence with the hearts of others and inspire them with love and courage. Your birth-stones are the diamond and the ruby. Your astrological colors are green and red. Sunday is one of your most fortunate days of the week. The planetary body governing your birth-sign is the Sun.

MR. ALBERT S. EVANS, born Feb. 26, 1869.—The Zodiacal sign under whose ruling you were born is called Pisces, and is the last of the twelve signs which constitute the circle. It is a negative, magnetic, watery, fruitful and domestic sign. At the time of your birth the planets were in very favorable positions, and you have been endowed with good vitality and will live to be quite old. You are shown to have some hypnotic or clairvoyant qualities which, if cultivated, would be of great benefit both to yourself and to others. You should devote some time to reading and study along occult lines. You are naturally a great reader, and in early life you enjoy novels. In later years you will have come into a desire for deep or profound thought and will derive much education and pleasure from it. You have a strong attachment for domestic ties and a deep love-nature. You are trusting, confident and very rarely suspicious of those you love; you possess some mediumistic or psychic powers which connect you closely with the unseen or spiritual world. Cultivate contentment and you will become much happier and will attract to yourself strong and influential friends, by whom you will be greatly esteemed. Your birth-stone is the amethyst.

MATTIE C. JUDKINS, born May 22, 1873.—I find from your date of birth that at that time the life-giving Sun was located in the celestial sign Gemini. This is, therefore, called your birth-sign. Your coming into the world at this time gives you a positive character, for this is a positive, energetic and masculine sign of the Zodiac, or of the grand circle of the heavens. It is classed as a double sign and gives two natures of a contradictory character in your own person. You will note this by your indecision or changeableness. You must overcome your impulsiveness and restlessness in order to make your life truly successful. You can become quite well off and will receive some important financial gains if you do this, and you can become very powerful in assisting those around you. You soon get tired of almost any occupation, but can handle two different lines of work at a time and do well. When you overcome your restlessness you can attain good success in anything on which you concentrate your attention. You are enthusiastic, but you scatter your forces and do not accomplish as much as you would if you went about your affairs more quietly and calmly. You have a strong desire for knowledge, but are impatient and want to do too much in a hurry. You are liable to extremes which may endanger your health through exciting the nervous system. You should seek a companion among persons born between the 20th of January and the same time of February, or between the 21st of August and the 23d of September. The stones used as your birth-stones are the emerald and the beryl. Your fortunate day of the week is Wednesday. Your astrological colors are orange and yellow. The ruling planet of your birth-sign is Mercury.

Mrs. MOLLY MCB., born March 29, 1876.—I find from your date of birth that the Sun was in the sign Aries. The sign is a fiery one, and is the first sign of the Zodiac. It is positive, a commanding sign. This causes many of your impulsive actions. The Earth, at the time, was in the Airy sign Libra. These positions would give you fair ability in writing or in calculation. This sign, ruling the head, gives natural reasoning ability and makes clear thinkers. It also gives inventive qualities and power for directing others. If allowed to follow your own ideas you will rarely fail. You are fond of the society of the opposite sex, and will have success in your dealings with them. You can depend upon their being faithful to your interests and often seeking to help you. Many persons of your character and nature have good success in handling small tools. You are quite elated when you attain success, but you are liable to become a little reckless. This might lead to loss or disaster. Your affability would lead to success in providing for others. You have strong love for beauty and much desire for outdoor life. Music is also very pleasing to you. You can easily discern discord. You should be very careful in the selection of associates. Tuesday is one of your fortunate days. The ruling planet of your sign is Mars.

J. G. BRITTON, born May 6, 1876.—The life-giving Sun was at that time located in the celestial sign Taurus. This is, therefore, called your birth-sign. The sign is classed as an Earthy one, and there are three of these in the grand circle of the heavens. This is also the second sign of the circle. It rules the second division of the body of man, below the head; the neck and the throat. You should be interested in metaphysical subjects. You appreciate good things to eat and enjoy a banquet or picnic. You also love to dress well. When you are educated above the control of your appetites you can develop mentally and spiritually, and gain healing powers. You can become a good writer or speaker. You have some power in developing clairvoyance or causing spiritual developments. During early age you will have been very headstrong and hard to control. You are very enthusiastic when employed. You make a good friend and strong enemy. You are best controlled through your sympathies. You should study

along lines of scientific thought and avoid exciting literature. Your birth-stone is the green and red bloodstone.

Mrs. J. G. B., born Aug. 8, 1874.—At the time of your birth the Zodiacal sign Leo was ruling strongest among the heavenly signs. This is your birth-sign. You are indeed a true Leo person, and the weak point in your nature is the lack of concentration of thought. It is indicated by the positions which the planets held at the time of your birth that you will make some important financial gains, and will have good success in marriage and social affairs. You will also make many strong and influential friends. According to the works of ancient Mystics, your astrological colors are red and green. You should try to avoid any exhibition of anger and endeavor to control the mental action, bringing it entirely under the direction of your will, so that you can direct your mind upon any subject and hold it steadily.

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Your best companion in either domestic life or in business affairs will be a person born between the 21st of November and the 21st of December, or between the 21st of March and the same date of April of any year. The chief illnesses to which you are liable will affect the nervous system, the heart and the kidneys. Your colors are green and red, and your birth-stones, according to planetary rulings, is a ruby.

Mrs. L. A. E., born Jan. 23, 1877.—The portion of the Zodiac under which you were born was the sign Aquarius. You do not seek to push yourself into prominence, and it is well that you should not, for you can do your best work in silence or in a quiet, unsuspected way. You have much patience in your nature, and you will wait a long time for an opportunity to do a favor to a friend or to overcome an enemy. If you have taken good care of your health, as your horoscope indicates, there is a magnetism about you which would rapidly develop into a healing power by your devoting a little time to occult studies. You have much more than the ordinary development of spiritual force. The faults which you must guard against are selfishness, procrastination and false pride. You should never go in debt for the sake of appearances or personal desires. In selecting a companion for business or for domestic affairs, you should choose one who is born between the 20th of February and the 21st of March, or between the 21st of July and the same date of August of any year. The chief illnesses to which you are liable are brain and nervous troubles and rheumatic tendencies. Your astrological colors are green, salmon and blue. Your birth-stones are opals and sapphires.

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Atmosphere of Holy Life

By
Rev. H. H. Beattys

THE Rev. H. H. Beattys, of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently preached on "The Atmosphere of a Holy Life." The text was chosen from Acts v, 15: "That the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." Mr. Beattys said:

"Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." And in so doing the needy sick and diseased in Jerusalem paid their unconscious tribute to the holy atmosphere that enwrapped the life of Peter. This incident teaches the potency of the atmosphere of a holy life. Let us consider this for a while this evening. Everything has its atmosphere; the sun and the stars, the mountains and the woods, the green fields and meadows, with their new-mown hay. Who has not gone out into nature in the early spring and drank in the sweet fragrance of the fields and woods and flowers?

"The country has its atmosphere, the city has its atmosphere, the home has its atmosphere, business has its atmosphere. Business men well understand this. Those skilled in promoting great enterprises, and who desire to win over certain men to their purpose, bring the men to be impressed into a room and create an atmosphere around them. The church has its atmosphere, and ought never to allow anything to vitiate or destroy that atmosphere. I know the building is nothing but wood and stone and brick, and no different from a hundred other buildings. Yet there ought to be an atmosphere about the church of God that is different from the atmosphere of a business building or a hall of entertainment. There is nothing especially in the make-up that makes the room where your mother died different from the other rooms in the house. It is of the same general architecture, the wood and walls and furnishings are the same. Yet somehow that room is different from the other rooms of the house. There is an atmosphere about it that you feel. You do not rush into it and become boisterous there, for the spirit of the dear dead seems to hallow and make sacred the spot. So the church should be kept sacred and holy for God's worship. It is where we meet the infinite face to face in holy worship. There should be a feeling of reverence about the place, as though God spake to us as to Moses at the burning bush: 'Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.' Let the building be the simplest—nay, even rude—and it still creates its atmosphere. Mr. Beecher, in his 'Norwood,' has a fine touch as he describes the close of a service in the plain old New England meeting-house. The horse jockey of the village and the doctor have driven up and are waiting for the congregation to come out. The jockey is talking in a gossipy way about the horses that are tied in the horse shed, when the congregation rise and begin to sing the closing hymn. 'There, doctor,' says the jockey, 'there's the last hymn.' It rose upon the air, softened by distance and the inclosure of the building, rose and fell in regular movement. Even Hiram's tongue ceased. The vireo, in the top of the elm, hushed its shrill snatches. Again the hymn rose, and this time fuller and louder, as if the whole congregation had caught the spirit. Men's and women's voices, and little children's, were in it. Hiram said, without any of his usual pertness: 'Doctor, there's something in folks singin' when you are outside the church that makes you feel as though you ought to be inside.'

"But more than all else, perhaps, man has his atmosphere. 'If light is in him he shines; if darkness rules he shades; if his heart glows with love he warms; if frozen with selfishness he chills; if corrupt he poisons; if pure-hearted he cleanses.' Mr. Beecher once said that 'the soul, like the sun, hath its atmosphere. Some men move through life as a band of music moves down the street, flinging

out pleasure on every side through the air, to every one far and near, that can listen; others fill the air with harsh clang and clangor.' Some men are like the iceberg that drifts down from the north seas, that throws off a chill on every side, and whose frosty breath the sailor feels long before it comes in sight. Others go through life like the Gulf Stream, warming and tempering every climate and causing vegetation to spring up and luxuriate wherever its influence is felt. To be in the presence of such men is like getting around on the sunny side of the house in winter. Every man has something to do with the making of the atmosphere of the life about him. Each man contributes his spirit to his home, his community, his town. And every man is under a solemn obligation to put life and hope and faith into his fellows by putting these qualities into the common air.

"Not only does every man have his atmosphere, but this atmosphere is the most potent thing about his life. It is but a small part of a man's life that expresses itself in speech or even in acts. The character of the man is inexpressibly larger and finer than the words he may utter or the things he may do. The narrative of the exploits of a Washington, a Gladstone, or a Phillips Brooks is the smallest part of their works. The weight and atmosphere of the man's personality is the thing that really accounts for the man. A man's life is not simply what you see. The effects of a man's life are not merely in the things that can be seen and estimated and catalogued, but far more in those invisible and subtle influences which have no report and that come not with observation, and yet are more real and potent than the things which are seen. Though the atmosphere about us is one of nature's mighty forces, with its pressure of fourteen pounds to the square inch, yet no infant's hand feels its weight; no leaf of aspen or wing of bird detects this heavy pressure, for the air fluid presses equally in all directions. So it is with the atmosphere that goes forth from a man's life, it is the mightiest power of that life. We do not stop to consider its power and weight, for it is as unobtrusive and quiet as the atmosphere about us.

"When we study the lives of the men and women who have done most to help and uplift humanity, we discover that this atmosphere of their lives has been the real hiding of their power. During the French Revolution, when the mob, frenzied with rage, swept through the streets with the turbulence of a mighty flood, carrying everything before it, there stepped into the middle of the street a well-known man of pure and noble character, and lifted his hand for a hearing. Their leader, turning to the mob, said, 'Soldiers, we are in the presence of a man who represents seventy years of noble living,' and the frenzied mob uncovered and were silent. When we seek for the secret of the matchless power and influence of Jesus Christ, we will find it in the atmosphere of His life. It was said of Him in astonished wonderment, 'Never man spake like this man.' But the greatest thing about the Christ was that never man lived like this man. But what was it that placed Jesus Christ without a peer at the summit of human living? Circumstances? Let us not forget that few are the men for whom circumstance has done less than for Him. A poor carpenter's son, of a race that has been despised and persecuted the world over. Limited in his travels to a small Roman province. Having no opportunity for culture or education. Rejected even by his own people. If we speak of learning, there have been thousands more learned than He. If we say His teachings made Him great, we do well to remember that the New Testament contains more of the teachings of Paul than of Christ. If we look for the secret of His greatness in His death on Calvary, we are reminded that there have been more tragic deaths than His. I go across the centuries to the Athenian prison and watch the aged Socrates take the cup of hemlock

and drink his death. All Greece was moved when Socrates died! But to-day his death is a tale that is told. I stand in the Roman senate and see Caesar draw his mantle over his face as Brutus' dagger deals its death blow, and with the words, 'Et tu, Brute?' fall dead at the foot of Pompey's pillar. And the world trembled when Caesar fell! But to-day his death is a tale that is told. I stand by the side of Lincoln and see the dastardly blow that struck him down. When Lincoln died every American home in the northland was hushed with pain as if its first-born lay dead. In distant lands men bowed their heads and the mighty empires across the seas hushed their turmoil in homage to the dead. But to-day Lincoln's death is a tale that is told.

"When Christ died He had no Plato to extol His master; no Marc Antony to arouse the populace; no Charles Sumner to voice the sorrow of a stricken people. And yet that life men have never let die, and its power and influence are greater to-day than ever before. But why is this? Why is not the life and death of Christ like the life and death of the other great, a tale that is told? Because of what He did? Nay, for measured by the standard of outward achievement His life was a failure. Whence then the power of His life but in that subtle but all-powerful atmosphere that He ever carried about with Him, the atmosphere of a divinely holy life. Men have rivaled His wonders of miracle working; they have discovered the parallel of His teaching; they have imitated His sacrifice, but the atmosphere of divinity that flowed forth from His divine character and wherein lay the hiding of His power, has placed Him and will ever keep Him alone without a peer among the sons of men. Medieval painters tried to express this atmosphere of the Christ by painting a halo about His head. But He wore no halo save the halo that always attends a holy life. That life was a divinely holy life. Just one fault, one little sin, and the power of that holy life would have been forever wrecked.

"It is this power of a holy atmosphere, I think, that the world most needs to-day. As one has truly said, 'I do not believe the world is dying for new ideas. A teacher has a high place among us, but some one is wanted far more than a teacher. It is power we need; power that shall help us to solve our practical problems, power that shall help us to realize a high individual spiritual life; power that shall make us daring enough to act out all we have seen in vision, all that we have learned in principle from Jesus Christ.' There is a real danger, I think, in over-organization. There is great danger in our church life of substituting zeal and activity in outward things for what is of the Spirit and unseen. Let us never lose sight of the fact that while organization is necessary and helpful, the real power of the church depends more upon the spiritual life and character of its membership than upon effective organization. No zeal in good works, no liberality in giving, no good works can take the place of that devotion, self-sacrifice, purity of character, lowliness of heart, which are the elements of spiritual power; the atmosphere of the holy life, the atmosphere that flows out from vital contact with God is the only real and lasting power of the Christian and of the church.

"This atmosphere of holiness, in proportion as we possess it, will give our lives a great and genuine power. But such an atmosphere can only come from a close and vital communion with the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as the heat and light of the atmosphere about us come from the sun, so the light and warmth and power of the atmosphere of the holy life come from the Fountain Head of all light and life in the world."

[The above excellent sermon should be read many times. The potency of the atmosphere of a holy life is wonderful—beyond the pen's power of description.—EDITOR.]

"Think not of rewards or punishments or hell or heaven, but live right now with this burning love in your heart for God and you will live in the Most High with God, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Angels, and will realize the indescribable Bliss of Living Love now and for all time.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

"The Spirit's Might must love the consciousness that is fruitful with the glow and ardor of young and strong Aspiration. Aspiration for God, for the Highest Life, for further excellence, is the very beginning of every state of enlarging life."

At heart the gay and sensuous are sad.

Show me a Nation that is progressive, prosperous and civilized and cultured and refined and whose people are full of soul and heart, and I will show you a God-loving Christian Nation.

The true progress of man lies in knowledge—knowledge that will make him a useful, gentle, courteous, just and dignified man.

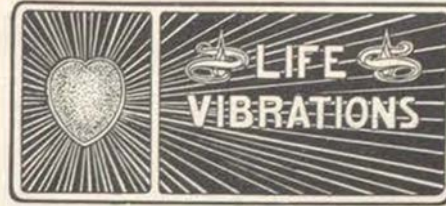
All through the ages, seers and sages come and go, that men may be inspired by their presence to hope, to do, to achieve and progress. These holy and prophetic men are the channels or mediums that the great God uses to convey messages of Light and Truth and Inspiration to His children. At the present moment many such great souls walk the earth.

What difference does it make to me what your religion is? It is enough for me to know you are my eternal brother; it is bliss to me to know all souls are eternal; that the ultimate goal of all souls is the same; that the blessed All-Father is our Father, whether we believe it or not.—*The Blissful Prophet.*

As we grow in soul culture the animal or carnivorous appetites naturally leave us without any special effort to drop them. The soulful man becomes angelic and is endowed with divine discernment and discrimination, so that he only desires to select such environment, foods and drinks as will best serve him and influence the Whole to a better and higher living. As we become angelic here and now we cease to live as animals—cease to be carnal-minded and carnivorous. And when we cease to be carnal-minded and carnivorous we get beyond the power of disease, weakness, drudgery and poverty—we become strong, healthy, merry, blissful and whole (holy). There is nothing that can carry us so high as soul-culture, and it is the basic foundation of all that we call refined, cultured, and civilized—progressive. The spiritualized man not only prefers the best, but by his great psychic-mental powers continually and naturally attracts the best.

HOPE: LIFE'S INSPIRATION

The Thoughts of a Modern Spiritualist

From
The Light of Truth

THE attainment of eternal bliss *here and now* is not a dream. Look within and Listen.

Wisdom comes out of recognition and realization of the Truth that dwells in the inner temple of the soul.—B. P.

A varied and comprehensive knowledge of psychic and occult powers results when we exist in Universal Love; love for *all* carries man to the Most High—the Omniscient One.

Feed thy soul with spiritual food and it will in turn feed thy mind and body with a life essence thou little suspectest exists. If thy mind is disturbed and fretful and worried it is because the real man—the inner man—is hungry and starving. Feed thy soul, and know the bliss of realization.

When we know our divine Self, the Universal Mind is our own, and our existence is *real* and *blissful* and ceases to be illusory. In Omniscience there is Eternal Bliss. Hence the ancient and persistent teaching, *Know Thy Self*. Come into the blessed realm of consciousness and at-one-ment with the Eternal One, and realize thy eternal existence—from everlasting to everlasting.—*The Blissful Prophet*.

With the concept of Dualism in the mind rises what we call carnal-mind. "Where there is duality there is contrast," and contrast in a mind that has not got beyond nature causes the disturbing *dream* of "good" and "evil." Yet this contrast is good, as it is a stepping stone that ultimately leads one to eternal oneness with the blessed Eternal One and raises one to that highest conscious state where he sees and *knows* there is nothing but *good* in the Universe—nothing but God.

Fear-thought restricts and limits our powers to do. As long as we feel that we are restricted and held down by adverse circumstances we are bound and limited. The latent inner fires are set aflame by cheerful optimistic thought—*sane thought*—and we are thus roused from all doubt and apprehension. "Every mind was made for growth—for knowledge; and its nature is sinned against when it is doomed to ignorance. The progress of society consists in nothing more than in bringing out the individual, in giving him a consciousness of his own being, and in quickening him to strengthen and elevate his own mind." Fear-thought and doubt-thought are due entirely to ignorance—that all power lies *within* the soul.

Struggle with the appearances of evil and wickedness if thou wouldst perpetuate discord and disturbance. *Positive* good is in apparent *negativeness*; in non-resistance. There can be no peace, harmony and melody as long as we meet selfishness with selfishness, low thinking with low thinking, carnal-mind with carnal-mind, anger with anger, irritation with irritation, brute and animal force with brute and animal force. You cannot legislate men and women to be spiritual and moral; all prohibitive forms that aim to force men and women to be good and God-like are dire and complete failures. Introspection—*living the Christ-life*—will make the mind sane and convince it that if you wish to uplift your brothers you must reach them with pure love, and see only the good in them, and in nowise recognize the *appearance* of evil. "Thou shalt not" is not in the vocabulary of a true reformer—a great soul. To mortal or carnal mind, a man who is ever serene and calm appears negative because he is *absolutely* non-resistant. Yet let such a holy man but walk among men without word or act and he wins countless souls to God, because the non-resistant man is the most powerful and *positive* man for universal good in the world.

Inheritance

Poor, struggling youth, who gladly toils alone
To win and hold the key to knowledge dear!
Humbly he knocks at Wisdom's gates of stone
That open not till on their sides appear.
Carved by his hands, two rugged figures clear
Of Industry and Patience fully grown;
And whence at last admitted to be shown
The glories of the inner court, the fear
Of falling back from vantage gained lends strength
To struggle bravely always; and, at length
When all life's tasks are done, he leaves his heirs
This best inheritance—the impulse strong
That leads them onward, though the way be long,
Knowing all lists are free to him that dares.
—Elizabeth K. Reynolds.

HOPE is the bright star that illumines our life. It is the ray of light that leads us on, and without it our life would be darkness.

Hope is that element of mind that ever keeps us reaching out and up for brighter, better and more abiding life. It is that which keeps us from despair, like a guardian angel ever whispering of better things and greater joys.

Voices of hope now sing in my heart,
Sweet voices of hope that cheer me.
Voices of hope, oh! never depart,
But let thy dwelling be in me.

The pessimist is a hopeless man, while the optimist is ever hopeful and carries cheerfulness to all. His very presence is invigorating and helpful. But the pessimistic mind is to be avoided as a plague, unless one is able to enlighten it, that it may see the bright and true side of life. Still every life must sometime pass through the valley of hopelessness; at least they will be almost unconscious of any hope, for her sweet voice will be drowned by suffering, sorrow and despair. Otherwise there could be no knowledge of good; there could be no real and lasting joy in the good; nor would one know to choose good without they had tasted its opposite and found it, not the way of life, but of death. This dark period of hopelessness teaches us to truly appreciate the beautiful, the good and the true.

Why should one go around with a long face—is it not distrust of the highest Power? Suppose you have lost your best and nearest friend, that may only be a sign of a truer and nearer one in store for you, or an evidence of Divine Love that would teach you to look unto It as your one true un-failing friend.

Lift up your eyes of hope and let them look out on this Universe so fair, with thankfulness for the blessings that are and are to come. Is the Creator so limited in individualized expressions of itself that you cannot hope to yet find those who will fill your life more perfectly than ever you have known?

Wait patiently, if not hopefully, and learn that every loss is gain, and a step onward in the evolving soul's perfection. We will not be so hopeless and despairing when our trust is more in principle and less in person, when we enjoy every one for what they are and not what we would have them to be. Do you not enjoy the birds and the animals for just what they are? Do you not enjoy the trees and flowers, the woods and fields, for what they are? Shall we not enjoy our friends in the same way—ever hopeful that at last they shall reach our highest ideal through the blessed law of growth? Oh! the world is so full of beauty it is enough to inspire hope in every breast if only they had eyes to see. Do not be complaining and fault-finding if you would change your friend—there is a better way; first, live your own ideals and let your beautiful, cheerful, hopeful life leave its sweet impress and contagion everywhere. Let it whisper of hope and better things to others. Let it inspire them to nobler purposes, and strengthen and cheer as only a living example can.

Hope only to help others by being hopeful, by being cheerful, by being wisely tolerant and kind; offering such counsel as your own life will uphold, and your own experience justify you in giving; remembering ever there are eternal heights beyond yet to know and be, and the only road of progress is to ever be open to conviction and ready to give up lower ideals for higher ones.

To help another, be hopeful for him. "Charity hopeth all things," and "The hope of the righteous shall be gladness." If you do those things, that you would another should do, you will be happy and able to impart happiness to others. Let the valley of Achor (trouble) be your door of hope—and not be hopeless as one without God and what God-likeness will bring.

The hope of glory set before us in the life of Jesus is the redemption of man from ignorance and selfishness into God-likeness, or the Christ character. Keep this door of hope ever open, for we shall enter into life only by the door, the one true living way; the way of self-renunciation—that seeketh not her own—but seeketh the good and the happiness of all; the way of life given in service of others for the sake of others. Every one who has this hope of the true life in them will purify themselves by giving up their selfish, self-seeking life. We can never have the higher life with its greater and nobler hopes until we are ready to give up the lower personal life with its selfish desires, and hopes for their gratification.

Lift up the banner of hope as often as disappointment and darkness overtake you, for these things are but temporal, while that for which we hope is eternal. So we should not be long cast down by anything, but hopeful ever of that which

is before us, and is for us, and even now is ours in such measure as we have attained; and shall be fully ours as the lower tendencies in us recede from view as the higher is incorporated into our daily lives.

Hope is the ladder by which we go from earth to heaven; round by round we mount, for when one round or hope is attained, there is a higher one before us, and thus we are ever led on and up by higher hopes and nobler aspirations.

"We judge of a man's wisdom by his hope, knowing that the perception of the inexhaustibleness of nature is an immortal youth."

Hope is of the ideal nature within us; it is the voice of our ideal self ever giving expression to our highest. We will do well to heed it—keeping our minds ever open for higher and purer ideals as one after another is attained, or fails to satisfy or bring us what we hoped.

We know our ideals lived will bring us all things hoped for, and more than we could anticipate.

Hope is the power that ever inspires us with higher aspirations. It is an attribute of the one life in us that will become of greater usefulness by use. It is not something we must strive to possess, but something we have, whose light will grow brighter as it is let to shine in our life. Hope is one of the sweetest things in the world, making the life so sunny and bright, and when rightly directed it becomes a great power for good; for it is contagious, and when it enters a sick-room, or comes in contact with a sorrowing heart or a mind despairing and fearful, it acts like magic with its power to clear the atmosphere of mind. It is a mental tonic which also acts upon the physical like healing medicine.

It is a burden-lifter, for burdens are but shadows cast like a cloud over the mind, and hope is sunshine—blessed, invigorating rays. They may penetrate far and near and their effects for good will be according to their strength and purity.

Many a life has been transformed by the entrance of hope. Open your mind to its sweet, uplifting influence. Welcome it with love, and it will come and fill your heart. It will make your very presence to radiate blessings to all, without any effort on your part; and the greatest good is done when there is least effort, but because the heart is overflowing with Truth and Love.

The greatest hope in the world is for the Christ-life to be revealed in us. This is to be so free from the lower self that the highest may be revealed. We can at least have this for our ideal, though it may seem a long way off. Still it is not so very far from earth to heaven. "The pure in heart see God." Heaven is a pure consciousness—a beholding all things good. It is a new consciousness of life, that is ours after the carnal mind is gone. It is the Christ-mind, and in it all hopes are attained, for it is the finding of the kingdom of heaven within. If this one hope should become the all-absorbing hope of your life you would not find it so very far to heaven—to that inward peace and unity with the immanent Spirit of Life and Love and Truth.

If this one hope should become the one all-absorbing hope of the race the kingdom of heaven would shortly be on earth.

We, as individuals, can do this much toward it: we may lift up our hopes and desires to our very highest ideals and make them as practical every hour of our lives as possible. If we appear to fail, we may try and try again. Infinite patience will bear with us until we succeed.

What is your hope, your greatest ideal in life? Whatever it is keep your eyes on the goal until it is attained. Then should another and nobler hope spring up in your heart, make it your love and give your life for it. Thus step by step you may mount the ladder of hope that is ever leading to the higher and leaving behind the lower. Mount steadily and firmly by resolving to be those things you desire to be; by nobly living your highest ideals. Hope will not forsake you if you so resolve, but will ever lead you on, illuminating every dark place until the light that never fails is yours.

When this Light of Life is yours, through its very power, hope will be instilled in countless hearts, and springing up within them, will lead them round by round to the same Light and Life. Every true hope is an immaculate conception of the soul, and should be nourished by faith and love and given proper birth. In this way the soul may build itself an eternal habitation for the Infinite Spirit, and thus come to conscious unity with life by a living process.

But if every hope that springs up in the heart from the Father of Hope is let to perish from a lack of faith and love endowing it with life perpetual, the soul's progress must of necessity be almost imperceptible.

Choose then the highest ideals; hope ever to attain them. Love of the beautiful and true will guide you, and faith enable you to reach the highest goal.



By Frank Harrison

NOW is the reality in which time is contained. It is more and greater than time; it is an ever-present reality. It knows neither past nor future, and is eternally potent and substantial. Every minute, every day, every year is a dream as soon as it is passed, and exists only as an imperfect and unsubstantial picture in the memory, if it be not entirely obliterated.—JAMES ALLEN.

Blessed is that spirit who lives a full and rich life here and now.

Here and now is the place and time to reach perfection, to reach that peace, force and bliss that comes in awakening the Christ within thine own soul.

Here and now is the place and time to be "saved" from all your illusions and delusions, by coming into complete union with the great omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent God.

Here and now is the place and time to establish the Kingdom—not in a far-away place in a future time.

Here and now is the place and time to be an angel, and minister to men, and sing glad songs, and walk and talk with God and the Angels.

Here and now is the place and time to recognize and realize God, and to know and feel that you are an eternal child of an eternal God.

The great God-lovers of the world always live in the present moment, with no thought of the morrow—live as our blessed Elder Brother, Jesus, lived, and taught us to live.

As a matter of truth, man is only good, wise and powerful for all time, as he comes to live Christ-like—in the very present—here and now.

"Past and Future are dreams; now is a reality. All things are now; all power, all possibility, all action is now. Not to act and accomplish now is not to act and accomplish at all. To live in thoughts of what you might have done, or in dreams of what you mean to do, this is folly; but to put away regret, to anchor anticipation, and to do and to work now, this is wisdom."

More than that!—it is the Divine Way to live, here or anywhere.

Dwell on the Past and the Future and you neglect and miss the Present, and retard your progress along the Eternal Path which leads to the Most High.

The Christ-like son, who loves the Father and the All, always lives fully, intently and earnestly in the Present; the selfish, carnal-minded and unawakened children of God live more or less in the Past and the Future.

Our future state will always be, by the wisdom and grace of God, beautiful, if in fervent love and faith we give it no thought and crowd into our life all our soul, heart and mind in the duties of the present hour.

All things are possible here and now, and only here and now ought we to aspire to live with God, Christ and the Angels. Many blessed souls have reached this blessed state here and now, and many more will.

Each succeeding day man improves and advances—unfolds and evolves; in a while all will reach one goal, infinite perfection.

But what about those blessed brothers who are "dead," who did not live on earth in the Now, while here? What about them, beloved? In the first place, no one can die. No man ever entered the grave or ever will. The grave is the repository of a worn-out body, not of an eternal child of God. These brothers, beloved, have always the same opportunity to live in the "here and the now" in any part of the universe they may be, and some time, somewhere, they will awake and realize the beauty of Life and that its sole purpose is to live in the now wherever they may be manifesting.

But how much better it is to reach immediate freedom, immediate bliss, immediate joy and peace, immediate power and force, by living with God, and the Spirit, and the Angels, and the Archangels, and the Seraphim right here and right now!

Jesus repeatedly pointed the Way; there will always be many holy men to iterate and reiterate this one ancient-eternal-simple truth or secret of life—to live here and now with God and the blessed angels, and with peace, harmony and melody with blessed man, as Jesus lived, with no thought of the Past or the Future.

Without God and wisdom to guide him "and mistaking the unreal for the real, a man says: 'If I had done so and so last week, last month, or last year, it would have been better with me to-day,' or, 'I know what is best to be done, and I will do it to-morrow.' The selfish cannot comprehend the vast importance

and value of the present, and fail to see it as the substantial reality of which past and future are the empty reflections. It may truly be said that past and future do not exist except as negative shadows, and to live in them—that is in the regretful and selfish contemplation of them—is to miss the beauty and reality in life."

As a matter of truth, he who builds the fairest future is he who gives it no thought, but lives fully, wholly and completely in the very Present.

Of course, it is understood that no man can do this, can live wholly in the present, until he is fully awakened and places all his faith, all his hope, and all his trust in God.

It would be cruel to tell men to live here and now unless we told them how to live here and now.

Indeed, no man can live fully and richly here and now until he does come into oneness with God, and can realize that God is the All in All.

In oneness we are sane and whole (holy), and refrain from doing foolish things, insane things, "sinful" acts, and the illusions of the Past and the Future have no place in our minds; the present moment becomes eternal, and the eternal the present.

"The Present, the Present is all thou hast
For thy sure possessing;
Like the patriarch's angel, hold it fast,
Till it gives its blessing."

"All which is real now remaineth,
And fadeth never:
The hand which upholds it now sustaineth
The soul for ever."

"Then of what is to be, and of what is done,
Why quierest thou?
The past and the time to be are one,
And both are now!"

The real is the Present; to live a blessed God-like life here and now is man's highest and best ideal.

But the carnal mind says: "Oh, we are human, and the Christ-life is not possible or expected of us." But down in the Silence the inner Voice says it is not only possible, but it is expected, and until we do live it, we will suffer. The inner Voice does not speak in wrath or anger nor with threats—it merely speaks in fervent love, the absolute truth, that we are to pass on and above the human, brutal, bestial, animal, selfish plane, to that of Spirit—reaching angelhood here and now; that until we do, we cannot have peace, joy, strength, health, force, bliss.

The illusions of all times has been that man could not walk this earth as a god, as an angel; that he must grovel and struggle and make life here one strenuous strife.

There are men eternally holy and blessed right here, now, on this blessed earth; it is their very presence that makes the earth blessed; these whole (holy) men live fully, richly and blissfully here and now because they live purely and highly, and with the Christ-love in their hearts.

These freed men, these angelic men, have recognized and realized that "Now is the accepted time; now is the day of salvation," and that now is the day of redemption, judgment and resurrection and regeneration.

These great blissful spirits say: "I will live with God, Christ and the Angels now; I will live in my ideals and the Kingdom of God now; I will manifest and actualize my ideals now; I will be my ideal now; I will listen only to the inner Voice of my soul; I will listen only to the Voice of my ideal."

With oneness with God our life here is not serious, is not strenuous, is not a struggle; is only progressive, improving hourly; is an hourly advancement; and is calm, sane, serene, orderly, dignified, forceful and most beautiful.

In living the Christ-life—not believing it—we "cease to tread every byway of dependence, every winding sideway that tempts man into the shadow-land of the past and the future."

Much of the old teaching was false in that it taught man to look only to the future in fear and doubt; the present blessed teaching of this Age of Light teaches man that he is to live as an angel here and now—as a Christ here and now.

Man is ceasing to live in the sweet by-and-bye, and is living as God intends him to live, as a power, a force and a blessing in the blessed Now.

"The foolish man, loving the boggy sidepath of procrastination rather than the firm Highway of Present Effort, says: 'I will rise early to-morrow; I will get out of debt to-morrow; I will carry out my intentions to-morrow.' But the wise man, the divine man, realizing the momentous import of the Eternal Now, rises early to-day; keeps out of debt to-day; carries out his intentions to-day; and so

never departs from strength and peace and ripe accomplishment."

In the Christ-life, or life of universal and eternal love, universal and eternal Light, man's ears are attuned now to the ever-present harmonies of heavenly joy; and his eyes see nothing but the beauties and perfect order of life; heaven is here and now for the Christ-like man.

"The universe, with all that it contains, is now. Put out thy hand, O man, and receive the fruits of Wisdom! Cease from thy greedy striving, thy selfish sorrowing, thy foolish regretting, and be content to live. Act now, and, lo! all things are done; live now, and, behold! thou art in the midst of Plenty; be now, and know that thou art perfect."

Come, beloved, live here and now, as a god, with God and for God, and you will be both a blessing and a benediction to the whole earth—aye, to the whole universe!

The Mighty Power of the Holy Spirit

With Love and Prayer We Can Do Anything and Everything

THE TREMENDOUS SUCCESS of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is due to the fact that it was founded in Love and Prayer, and is sustained by Love and Prayer.

We recognize but one Eternal Power—God and the Holy Spirit—and know that the ALL-FATHER is the All in All.

All praise, all honor, all glory for all our works, and all our success are given to the God of this great universe, to none else.

Out of many thousands of letters we have received we print the following as a fair specimen of how our readers appreciate the work that the Holy Spirit is doing through us:

SOUR LAKE, TEX., June 6, 1903.

Dear Editor MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES:

I write to thank you for the sample copy of your Magazine. For a long time my table has contained the best of the New Thought literature, but my husband and I have marked yours the best of all. I will tell you why. First of all, you call God, God. Am weary of reading long explanatory names for Him. His name is "God." And when I speak that wondrous name thoughtfully and reverently, as it should always be spoken, to me, it fills the whole universe, and I know that God is All and in All. Secondly, you do not tell us "we are God," but in the good old Bible way teach the law of co-operation between God and humanity; and that, "with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we can do anything and everything." You are also old-fashioned enough to believe in prayer, and have the courage to call it by its original name.

Am watching with intense interest the developments along scientific, psychic, mental and spiritual lines, as man rises to his exalted privileges and God-given dominion; but, I believe with you, that the secret of your power is the Holy Spirit.

Even Jesus said it was the Father who spoke and worked through Him, and He gave God the Glory. Am expecting far greater manifestations of power than have yet come to our notice, for the time is at hand when these things must needs be; but they will come through those whose minds and hearts are in accord with the true source of power. The gift of Tongues has already fallen upon quite a number of the United States, and they were immediately able to speak, sing, read and write in many foreign languages of which they previously had no knowledge.

Have witnessed many marvelous demonstrations of the mighty power of God, but they were wrought through those who relied on God the Father in the name of Jesus the Christ, and who gave to God the glory, without any seeming realization of their own personality. It is wise to make haste slowly in our attempts to fix up Christianity. Most writers who attempt it leave us nothing but "the fixin's."

Am indeed glad to welcome your Magazine to our home, and to enrich our monthly literature with its clean, potential and inspiring pages.

Can safely send it to my friends without explanations or reserve, knowing they will feel and respond to its vibrations, and mount a rung higher on the ladder of spiritual ascension. May God bless you in your good work. Will soon join the Brotherhood, and will send you additional names.

Yours, for the Coming of the Kingdom,
(MRS.) SARA ROTHROCK.

Real Manhood

To be a man, to dream man's dream
Of giant power with inward peace;
To be one's self, not merely seem,
And reaching on to love's increase—
This is a greatness worth our while,
The grandeur to our nature given;
Something the sons to beguile,
Yet opening here the gates of heaven!

—William Brunton.

HEART TALKS

By Helen
Van-Anderson

We are hearing a great deal in these days about the power of thought, yet few realize the truth of the statement that thought is but an inaudible word and a word is the clothing of a mental picture. There is no one who cannot trace the influence of a visible picture, and it is the tracing of the influence of these invisible pictures to which I wish to call your attention and, if possible, make you more fully realize the power of thought.

Have you never noticed the effect, not only upon your mind, but body, of seeing a picture? Are there not some which inspire and encourage you to be your noblest and best? Are there not others which depress and in every way deplete you?

As a rule the thoughts we think concern ourselves, our associates and our surroundings or immediate conditions. If we look at a day's work, for instance, and it seems unlovely and hard, every time we think of it we feel tired, because we have looked at it as something hard to perform, something that would take our strength and deprive us of pleasure, consequently we feel our limbs weak, a sense of languor steals over us, everything seems to rebel against the performance. Is this not enough to prove that the picture we have concerning the work and our relation to it has an influence and power over us?

Again, suppose we have a thought that we are different from other people, that we are utterly inefficient, lacking in will as well as ability. Do we not see this speedily pictured out in our general appearance, as well as the manner of performing our work? Do we not also see that our friends begin to tell us we are inefficient and incapable in every way? And does not this add to our state of general inefficiency?

If this is the law as to our thought about ourselves, why is it not also the law as to our thought about others? Are we not really making or marring people's lives according to the way we talk about them or to them? If you have a child who seems careless, do not, I pray you, allow yourself to think, much less to speak, of his failing. Try in every way to give him the idea that he can think, and think intelligently, that he can govern his actions and perform his duties in a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory manner. Awaken him to see the picture of his ideal self; for there is not one of us, my friends, who has not an ideal, a fair, splendid, perfect image of what he may be, and it is most essential that we see that image in all its perfectness and beauty rather than any other.

I cannot think of any more beautiful way of ministering than this, of ever thinking and speaking of the ideal to children, to boys and girls, to grown people, to everybody. There is that within every soul which answers to a suggestion of his own highest.

I have in my mind two memories, in each of which is a sermon. The first recalls a home wherein a young girl, who was practically homeless, worse than parentless, and in every sense dependent upon the charity of those with whom she lived, who, though kindly treated so far as a provision of food, clothing, etc., was concerned, yet received from every member of the family such words as these: "You can never do anything right. You can never remember what I tell you. You have done just the opposite to what you ought to have done," etc. And the effect of this kind of speech, given as it seemed from one or the other of the family from morning till night, together with the thought of her held in their minds, had actually brought about in her appearance the most dejected, hopeless, unhappy, almost foolish expression that I ever saw on the face of a young person. Under other circumstances she might have been totally different. She was endowed with the ordinary faculties, and had, in truth, a great many fine natural traits, but had become so completely dominated by the picture of herself as she appeared to those about her that she had accepted it as a true picture and was exemplifying it in every particular in her character. What a momentous difference had she been privileged to receive thoughts and words which would build and bring forth her possibilities and her true character!

The other memory is of a home of which I was an inmate for several months, wherein was a daughter, one of the most wayward, capricious, wilful and incorrigible children I think I ever saw; yet so patient, so gracious and sweet were the words of her mother that my heart was won with admiration, and I waited eagerly to see the outcome of this kind of training. Years passed, that incorrigible child has grown to be a most beautiful character. The picture of her ideal self, which her mother so continuously kept before her and so beautifully suggested in every word, has finally become manifest so that all the world may see the outcome.

It has been my privilege within the last year to

visit the young woman's home where she now reigns as wife and mother. Every detail of that home is perfect. Order, neatness, beauty and harmony are everywhere apparent. Even the baby is the most model child I ever saw. It eats, sleeps, laughs and does all other charming things just at the right time, without making anybody any inconvenience or discomfort. So far reaching are the results of the right thought training!

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For me she prayed when headstrong youth
Would have its way.

Her gentle arms, my cradle once,
Are weary now;
And time has set the seal of care
Upon her brow.

And, though no other eyes than mine
Their meaning trace,
I read my history in the lines
Of her dear face.

And, 'mid His gems, who showers gifts
As shining sands,
I count her days as pearls that fall
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—Christian Advocate.

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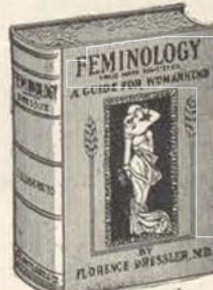
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TEMPLE TEACHINGS



One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

BLESSINGS upon thee, my Child. Is not this morning fair? Thou art home again after thy absence, but dost thou not find the same blessings, the same natural beauties, the same life privileges in the home of the stranger? Thou art happy because thou hast had glimpses of something of that all-pervading joy which pervadeth the universe. Thou hast had a glimpse of universal kinship which existeth between all souls.

Recall the time, my Child, when thou wert so limited in thy understanding that thou wert persuaded that no one had so much real religion as thou, and even though thou thoughtest thyself magnanimous and even brotherly because thou wert willing to step into other churches and hear a foreign gospel, still thy heart was somewhat aloof and a subtle veil of division fell between thee and other worshippers, and thou wert not fully happy, though thou couldst not name the why.

Now thou art different. Thy veil has been removed, that aloofness taken from thy heart. Thou hast discovered that there is one spiritual light, as there is one physical. All souls have revelation. This they may utter differently. By different names and manner may they approach the Most High; yet thou hast learned to look back of rituals, forms and ceremonies. Thou hast learned to go down deep and deeper into the hidden springs that move men to the utterance of their worship.

Thou hast at times been with those who sorrowed; yet could not speak in their language. Thou knewest the language of grief, though it might not be expressed in the form of words and so, because thy heart could understand, thou wert one with them.

Thou hast been with those who rejoiced and, because thy heart hadst known joy, thou couldst recognize and communicate with the signs of joy.

And so, Beloved, the rich experiences of thy life have been those which have brought thee in touch with all souls, which have made thee feel and know the oneness of all life. Canst thou wonder, then, at the fairness of this morning and the rare joy it inspires within thee? Thou hast ascended, thou hast come into the larger realm where the whole universe is alight and a-thrill with the joy of life.

Wilt thou be unheeding, dost thou ask, of the midnights of sorrow and misery through which thou mayest pass? Nay. In every midnight thou wilt see the promise of a morning. In all misery, of whatsoever kind, thou wilt read the beginning of larger knowledge. Whatsoever conditions may be about thee will not dim thy vision nor make heavy thy heart, because thou wilt see always the promise of better things. Why? Because, having the veil removed from thine eyes which divided thee from thy fellows, thou canst never again be deceived. Thou hast seen the reality and the seeming cannot blind thee. In the hidden depths of every soul lie the motive springs back of every action. Thou canst see the push and power of Life, the Unmanifest which presseth toward manifestation.

He who once hath solved the riddle of change becometh enlightened as to the Cause which changeth not. Life, the stressful, active, tumultuous, changing sea, is but the outer, the visible process of Life, but the Absolute is the still, moveless and changeless.

Beloved, thy joy will continue, thy light abide, when thou canst identify thy being with the Changeless, when thou canst be in the world yet not of it, inseparably joined to the Cause, yet never attached to the effects. Thus wilt thou become universal, standing as one unmoved amidst all which moves. Thus mayest thou become as the wind which sendeth its breath through the far reaching places and is not bound nor bounded.

Thy moods of depression, of grief, of yearning or discontent come only when thou remainest as one of the suffering, identified with the tossing waves of visible existence.

Only when thou mayest soar above the realm of

clouds, disasters and human conditions and remembereth but the light that shineth ever back of these conditions mayest thou remain in the realm of freedom. Let not thy heart lose then, my Child, this vision of universal Life. Think upon it continually; let it seem to thee as the real, the only Life. Even as thou hast already learned there is but one Light, though many windows, learn also the glory of the one Joy, the one Truth, the one universal Realm, which receiveth ever the abundance of all that is.

Fear not, Beloved, any return of clouds. Though they may come thou canst pierce them, though they may enshroud thee thou canst melt them away. Ever remain praiseful, grateful, joyous, the true Brother in a world of brotherly love. So mayest thou do My will and make even the desert places to blossom as a rose. So mayest thou prepare for the glad time when all things shall pass away and all things become new.

—Helen Van-Anderson.

"Just as God leads me I would go;
I would not ask to choose my way;
Content with what He will bestow,
Assured He will not let me stray.
So as He leads my way I make,
And step by step my path I take;
A child in him confiding."

I have read and well I believe it that a friend is in prosperity a pleasure, in adversity a solace, in grief a comfort, in joy a merry companion, at all times another I, in all places the express image of mine own person; insomuch that I cannot tell whether the immortal gods have bestowed any gift upon mortal men, either more noble or more necessary than friendship.

KEEP THY TONGUE QUIET.

LOVE GOD.

Ask and it shall be given thee.

BE FAITHFUL.

The Song and the Deed

THERE was never a song that was sung by thee,
But a sweeter one was meant to be.
There was never a deed that was grandly done,
But a greater was meant by some earnest one.
For the sweetest voice can never impart
The song that trembles within the heart.
And the brain and hand can never quite do
The thing that the soul has fondly in view.
And hence are the tears and the burden of pain,
For the shining goals are never to gain.
And the real song is ne'er heard by man,
Nor the work ever done for which we plan.
But enough that a God can hear and see
The song and the deed that were meant to be!

—Benjamin R. Bulkeley.

It is not so much the being exempt from faults as the having overcome them, that is an advantage to us; it being with the follies of the mind as with the weeds of a field, which, if destroyed and consumed upon the place where they grow, enrich and improve it more than if none had ever sprung there.

—Dean Swift.

Be Practical

SUCCESS comes not to the idly waiting. Nor to the one who, like *Micawber*, is hopefully watching for "something to turn up." Neither to the one who tried first this, then that, dabbling a little here and there.

The "royal road" is neither smooth or flower-bordered, but hard and often long and perilously steep in climbing.

Choose a pursuit adapted to your circumstances and ability, then work. Study to develop all talent, possibilities and capacity. Improve the talents God has given you and all the time work—work—work. Unremitting labor, patient endeavor, energy, persistence, perseverance will win in the long run and reward painstaking effort.

There are always obstacles. There may be failures. The one must be surmounted, cautiously, strategically perhaps. If you cannot go around, why, climb over inch by inch, if need be. Failure must be met with uncomplaining cheerfulness. Regret is useless and unavailing. The experience gained there will be profitable, but watch out for pitfalls. Keep your eyes open. Do not attempt too much—in other words, "Go slow." You may be in new and untried places. There are no landmarks in the new and untried places. There are probably unseen dangers or hidden difficulties awaiting the incautious advance. Be heedfully observant and alert, ever watching for favorable opportunities. Sometime, somewhere on the march the goal is reached. Compensation is assured. The joy and satisfaction is worth the waiting. The achievement is an inspiration to others.—E. Pitcher.

Some men dream of success, but the truly successful go out and drag it in by the tail.—Selected.

Nothing is impossible to him who wills.—Kosuth.

Laughter

THE laughter of life is its sunshine, and this would be a dull old world without some happy natures to lighten the pathway of those that plod away in sorrow.

LOVE

IF I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE,
I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.
And if I have the gift of Prophecy,
And know all Mysteries and all Knowledge;
And if I have all Faith, so as to remove Mountains,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE,
I am nothing.
And if I bestow all my Goods to feed the poor,
And if I give my Body to be Burned,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE,
It profiteth me nothing.

LOVE suffereth long and is kind;
LOVE envieth not;
LOVE vaunteth not itself,
Is not puffed up,
Doth not behave itself unseemly,
Seeketh not its own,
Is not provoked,
Taketh not account of evil,
Rejoiceth not in unrighteousness,
But rejoiceth with the Truth;

Beareth all things,
Believeth all things,
Hopeth all things,
Endureth all things;
LOVE NEVER FAILETH.

The Value of Growth

By Frederic W. Burry

S few can appreciate the value of Growth. We find people everywhere impatient, reckless, always plunging and scrambling—wanting to do everything at once.

What a waste of energy—all this impulsiveness. This want of thought and foresight, want of recollection. How unnecessary, all this universal hurry and impatience, when Time goes steadily on, never stopping, maturing all things in their due order, making things perfect by the wonderful principle of Growth.

We cannot enjoy more than one or two things at a time; an abnormal supply will only prevent the enjoyment of anything. Gradual growth, with ourselves becoming by degrees used to greater and better conditions, is the natural order, and it is the only healthy order.

We must be prepared for new things before they can become of value to us. We must be schooled in the university of experience, and learn to understand things. With our own being and character, it is the same; we must gradually open out and unfold, and rise by steps to higher goals of consciousness.

Growth is an opening out—an unfoldment. It is an awakening. And in its highest stages it is Consciousness.

To be conscious—to know—to interpret—to recognize and appreciate; here is the ultimate of existence. For true Knowledge is being. To Know is To Become.

All our little material pastimes and pleasures, our petty schemes and activities, our tastes and breaths and glimpses of life, lead up to this celestial Wisdom.

This includes everything. It is far more than the fallible intellectual survey of outward appearances; the celestial Wisdom is a living thing—it touches the inner and the outer, it reaches from the infinite centre to endless circumferences, cycle after cycle, growth after growth, encompassing All. When we are really Wise, we live in the realm of Harmony.

Could any word be more inclusive than this word, Harmony? It means perfect Satisfaction, complete Consciousness—Happiness or Heaven.

And the varied phases of life's experience actually lead to this. It is for this that we go through any experience. It is for this we are here to grow.

Some will say that absolute Perfection is impossible; that Growth will always be unceasing; that harmony must ever be associated with discord in the eternal vibrations of existence. These are points which we will not stop to answer here. There are many views for problems like these. Whether we call our Happiness relative or absolute matters not. But one thing is certain—that our endeavors to-day are leading to far greater heights of joy and wisdom than we have ever experienced yet. It is the law of Growth that is carrying us onward. Our increased growth means increased happiness; and this recognition is sufficient to make us contented with our destiny. We who have suffered and felt in the past can easily let the nice distinctions of "absolute" or "relative" take care of themselves. We know, at any rate, that we are growing toward absolutely better conditions than the past—to a life that will, compared to the past, be relatively perfect.

Where is this Growth going to end? Who can answer a question like that? Realizing as we do so many undeveloped possibilities in us, seeing so much work before us, new spheres of activity opening out every day, who can speak of the End?

Is it not enough to know that vast unexplored regions are around us, great depths of undeveloped character within us?

So little has been done, so little progress made, compared to the possibilities our mental vision perceives in front of us, that Time and Space seem vacant, waiting to be filled with the glorious objective manifestations and creations of man.

Concentration is such an aid to growth. When the mind is deliberately, gently, centred and fixed on the Present—the present work or opportunity—there is something born, something new created—and creation is life and growth.

It is a great privilege to work—to create. And with the wondrous mental and physical capabilities enshrined in one's being, how beautiful and how great may our creations be. The man who works—who does his best, which will thus be better and better as the days go on—is making Character—the main purpose of existence. He is growing in a special sense. He is traveling by rapid strides to heights of genius—and not missing any valuable steps of experience on the way, either.

The law of Growth, with its steadiness—no rush or strain or hurry—is carrying us gently along the Stream of Life. We see everything in Nature nurtured and cared for and tended; the time goes on; the earth moves, the sun shines, the seasons come

and go—and everything grows better and better. All accomplished by invisible, silent laws—the panorama of existence and activity and life emerging from the mystic Repose.

The universe is an infinite System; Nature presents itself to us as a mighty scheme of Concentration.

It is generally admitted that in order to be healthful, or even successful, one must obey natural laws, and follow natural principles. Then how much ill health and failure must be brought about by the widespread lack of the natural principles of Repose and Concentration.

Patience and contentment seem written across the face of Nature—excepting in the strange kingdom of Man.

Man, impatient Man! Can you not see that it is better for you to Wait—to allow the law of Growth its due working; that only thus can you become prepared for the higher and better things your destiny has for you? And will you not see that many of those things you are striving so hard for now are mere illusions, and if you get them within your reach they will perish immediately?

We do not appreciate the Present sufficiently; our minds are always looking at the Future. And yet there is a very great deal of Life and Opportunity and Happiness to be gained Now and Here.

Let us look at things and conditions with unbiased minds. Remembering that Life is a Unity; that underneath all materials the law of Growth is ever operative, and that the so-called worst conditions contain some germs of possibility. Let us look deeper into things; opening wide our eyes; taking a complete inventory of all, just as it is, presented Now and Here.

This is a scientific attitude. And with our minds freed from prejudice we shall astonish ourselves with our new discoveries; we shall get some idea of the vastness of the world around us—undeveloped, ignored, vilified. But if we change our view, this world around us will soon be a better world.

While a new and wider view of Life will at once make us see the world in a very different light from the old point of view, this enlarged vision will lead to far more—it will lead to action. The man who really sees things is compelled to act. The impulse for work is so strong in human nature that a sharp, keen vision immediately leads to practical action and achievement. And so a man may become, as it were, the right hand of Nature, the positive element in existence; and by the directing powers of his mental vision, his intellect, his reason, veritably renew the earth.

This is what the world's few great geniuses have been doing. They have been making a new world. Compare this world of to-day with the world of a few centuries ago—and the changes have been made by human thought.

Genius has been a small and minor quantity in the kingdom of humanity. In the future it will be the normal life of every soul. Genius is a stage of growth; and every man possesses its germinative properties. It is merely a matter of his personal desire whether he shall accelerate or retard the growth of his native genius; this privilege of free-will belongs to man. It seems strange that people do not make more use of their opportunities. A little effort, a little thought—and then look at the results—they always come. No, Achievement does not seem an alluring word to the majority; and Work has even a disagreeable sound to them.

Well, Life hitherto has not been a paradise; history is indeed a long record of distress and misery. The wearisome tasks, the shackles and terrors that have enslaved the minds and bodies of mankind through long, long dark ages of ignorance, have left an impression on the race's subconsciousness; and only a comparatively few have turned away their gaze from these shadows. When people are awakened, when they have become liberated from the chains of Habit; when they see that what has been need not be again—that life has grown—and that the mighty law of Growth is a promise of a new life; then the forces of their being will be let loose; this world will then be changed to paradise.

Work will be Art. Beauty and Harmony shall reign supreme. Life will be one long glad eternity of Expression.

For those who choose to step a little aside from the world's way, this new life may become a present possibility. The law of Growth is not an arbitrary mandate; for while it is beneficially immutable, while its course can never be really impeded or checked, men by making proper use of their energies, their time, their opportunities, may speedily reach heights of mastery and attainment.

If we could get a complete view, as it were, of our destiny, we would then clearly perceive how valuable have been the past so-called drawbacks and failures, the apparent obstacles to our progress,

what seems like a slow and tedious growth. For it is thus our Personal Character has been well cemented, its foundations and superstructure made strong. There is a realm of forces lying in the depths of our subconsciousness—and all this potential energy has been produced by experience, by time, by growth.

It is because of the law of growth that we have in our Character a stronghold, an invincible fortress and a storehouse of great dynamic powers. It is because of gradually widening fields of experience that we have our capabilities. The light of Life has by degrees broken upon our consciousness; only by steps, by degrees, could we stand the brilliancy of this light.

And still to some there seems to be no light; how many live lives of almost utter non-recognition, non-appreciation. But some day, somewhere, they will have to see the necessity of recognition, of being wise, of opening their eyes.

This world, this life, appears in so many guises to people. We all live in worlds of our own—they are fashioned by our point of view. If our view is an expansive one, we see an expansive world, a world of large resources; we can then see that proper growth and cultivation and development, under the directing power of the human intellect and will, may make things that have been so long hidden in a state of embryo—a germinative, latent state—blossom forth in flower and fruitage.

We are about to enter an era of harvesting—gathering the results toiled for, for ages past. We are reaping something to-day; our wearisome, unceasing experiences are at last to be crowned with increasing measures of welcome Success.

It is well that our eyes have been shielded in the past; well, even, that our minds have been clouded by ignorance. Truth and the Realities of Life are to be discerned only by those who are prepared for them. Yes, Illusion has its place; but it must retire before the grown Man. After a point of maturity has been reached in mental growth, there is no need for legend or fable; the great need is then for Truth. For Truth that is Life—that gives spiritual and bodily sustenance—that aids one's unfoldment.

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Can We Change Our Dispositions?

By HORATIO W. DRESSER

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THE remark is frequently made that we must take ourselves as we are; it is useless to try to change one's disposition. Let us examine this pessimistic statement to see how much truth there is in it. What is the meaning of the word "disposition"? As ordinarily used it is a rather vague, ambiguous term, meaning one's general way of taking life. It applies partly to physical, partly to mental characteristics. In so far as it refers to the body, the statement that we cannot change our dispositions is obviously false; for the health may be greatly improved, nervous and excitable tendencies may be brought into subjection. Oftentimes the element which people complain of in themselves, i. e., in their characters, is in reality physical disturbance of some sort. Victims of lawless tendencies, they cry out that they must "grin and bear it." But few errors could be greater than the mistaking of bodily conditions for traits of character. The mind may indeed have a certain way of meeting unruly physical tendencies. Yet both this "way" and the tendencies may be changed. In these days of practical idealism we are learning how to master and be free from the conditions of the body. It is absurd to complain when we have within us the power to attain self-control and freedom.

It is clear that we must distinguish between the body and the self or soul. When we turn from the body more specifically to the self, we learn that the self is a complex being and demands careful analysis. The very fact that we are dissatisfied, and wish we might change our dispositions, shows that there are different aspects of the self. What we complain of is not the full self, but the lower nature, through whose experiences the higher nature is evolving. What causes us to complain is the higher nature within us spurring us to development. The lower self can be changed; it is changing all the time. We may come to consciousness of that change and aid it by idealistic thought.

The profounder question is this: Do we really desire to change the higher self? How many of us understand what the higher self is? The whole question of individuality is involved in the answer. In the ultimate sense of the word, individuality evidently means both one's own most intimately personal self, the true ego, and the divine ideal. The important thing in life is to be that diviner self in all its fulness, to express it for the good of humanity. Individuality is the centre of the soul. It is that which is original in us. When we pause to think we discover that there is nothing we would sooner lose than this higher self. As for changing it—why, it is one's soul. What one really desires is not to change but to express the soul.

When we begin to look at the self from this deeper point of view, we learn that a vast amount of time is missed in the attempt to change the self. We try to "make ourselves over," when in reality there is nothing we would rather be than just what we truly are. We try to make others over. We make all sorts of arrogant assumptions about other people, as if we knew better than they do what they ought to be. After a time we give up in despair, conclude to let people be themselves, and at last we begin to display tolerance. The next step is to tolerate one's self. We think that because other people have what we call "faults" therefore they are not as they should be. This is, of course, true in a sense, since a fault is in part a condition of evolution from lower to higher, and everyone ought to manifest the higher self. But from another point of view a fault implies a limitation, and we are limited in order that we may do our work.

You complain of yourself because, being a sensitively organized, easily influenced soul, you are not stolid and immovable like your friend. Your impervious friend envies you because you are so finely organized. Both the sensitiveness in you and the stolidity in your friend are limitations which make your lives less beautiful and involve you in trying experiences. But the qualities which you each possess enable you to do your work. Your sensitiveness will bring you no pain when you understand it and direct it aright. Your limitations will be your virtues when you see their true place.

Therefore, a time comes when one ceases to complain and is willing henceforth to take the self as it is and let it do its work in this beautiful world. Those who complain so much about themselves are usually those who find fault with others and condemn the world. Begin to see the wisdom of things as they are, and you will find new beauties even in yourself. This by no means implies self-esteem or self-contentment. To begin to find out what you are may be to become more discontented

with yourself than ever, that is, discontented with your lower self. But while you see wherein you are undeveloped you will also see how to change yourself—that is, how the higher self may come into power.

There is a sense, then, in which we can change our dispositions and change them most effectively. One's disposition is one's way of thinking and acting at any given time. Bring the higher self more into play and new habits will be formed. A person of a very nervous, excitable disposition may become in a few years unusually calm and moderate. The change does not come about by working upon the nervousness and trying to calm it, but by cultivating inner peace, poise, equanimity. Best of all, the development of a wiser philosophy of life is accompanied by peace of mind. It is remarkable what changes may be wrought by persistence in the wiser direction. Some who have changed themselves from restless, excitable people to moderate, well-poised individuals, find it difficult to persuade new acquaintances that they were once entirely lacking in repose. Again, lethargic people have succeeded in awakening new life from within and becoming genuinely unselfish.

Finally, then, the discovery that we can change our dispositions means that selfishness is not unconquerable. Everybody knows that selfishness will yield if one will but make the effort. There is no excuse for taking this part of ourselves as we find it. Before each of us there is a spiritual ideal, and no one knows how far and how high the endeavor to realize the ideal may carry the soul. Just as in a democratic country it is always possible for people in the common walks of life to rise into power even to become President, so in the spiritual universe "there is always room at the top." There is a more or less fixed individuality within each of us, but even this may be subject to change. At any rate, no man fully knows himself as yet. Meanwhile the most rational procedure is to assume that we are practically modifiable without limit. No one can hope too much or dare too much in a universe where perfection is the ideal, where the Christ spirit is ever ready to uplift, and where the grace of God enables every man to "grow in grace."

At the ultimate analysis we find but one eternal omnipresent power—Soul or Spirit. It controls, forms and reforms all things. It comes out of nothing; all things come out of it, are formed and animated by it. It is the only changeless eternal simple. Know the eternal Soul, which is you, and you know all there is to know; you will become omniscient.—Om.

Life is continually changing its forms—changing from one form to another, as "everything is moving and transmuted into something else." The trilobite of to-day will be a seer or sage a million years hence. Death is always a progressive event. Life is a continuous process. The soul is the eternal sculptor and matter the eternal clay. All "the dust we tread upon was once alive," and will be alive again. Death marks the event when the soul enters the larger life of Being.

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Cultivate the Minutes and Hours of Life

By Margaret Stowe

So many of us make the mistake of wasting the time of to-day by planning ahead for to-morrow. Frequently opportunities are lost to us because of this habit. We are so busy planning that we are blind to what might be done this very hour.

To-day we may be purposeful, strong and eager, using every minute to advantage, and so perhaps unconsciously building our future success.

A wise adviser says: "To-day is, for all that we know, the opportunity and occasion of our lives. On what we do or say to-day may depend the success and completeness of our entire life struggle."

"It is for us, therefore, to use every moment of to-day as if our very eternity were dependent on its words and deeds."

There is always something you can think, say or do that will be of value to someone or something.

I sincerely pity the person who believes he has nothing to do. The feeling that life is destitute of any motive or necessity for activity must be of all others the most distressing and insupportable to a rational being.

Do not allow the habit of laziness to cling to you. Make an effort for the full realization of each hour of the day.

The ones who fear mental or physical effort are they who love to excuse their shortcomings by telling you that they were born to ill luck, and they make up their minds that the world invariably goes against them without any fault on their part.

That type reminds one of the man who went so far as to declare his belief that if he had been a hatter people would have been born without heads.

The general run of our fellow-beings who are constantly lamenting their luck are in some way or other reaping the consequences of their own neglect, mismanagement, improvidence or want of application.

Cultivate attention, activity and effort; those three qualities will teach you to keep watch of the hours.

These may appear small matters, and yet they are of essential importance to human happiness, well-being and usefulness.

They are little things in a way, but human life is made up of comparative trifles. Every human being has duties to perform, and therefore has need of cultivating the capacity for doing them.

Never try to escape your work nor to shirk it, and above all, never fail to see it. As long as we live we have work to do. We shall never be too old for it nor too feeble. We do not know where the influence of to-day will end.

Our lives, of course, will outgrow our present thoughts. Every morning we wake up with a new chance of life. Be careful that with the passing hours of the new day you do not neglect, slight or despise some opportunity.

If at the close of the day you can say you have been strong, kind, merciful, helpful and considerate of others, you may rest content.

There is a so-called fourth dimension of space, which transcends the other three; it has, therefore, been named Through and Hyper-space. This "dimension" exists now; we are in it now; the only thing is, we have no consciousness, no feeling, no sense of it—we need a new sense. This new "sixth" sense, new feeling, new consciousness is developing in the race—in you and in me.—*Fred-eric W. Burry.*

Love is supreme and eternal in the universe, and without oneness with Universal Love we cannot hope for or expect peace, joy and happiness.—*Frank Harrison.*

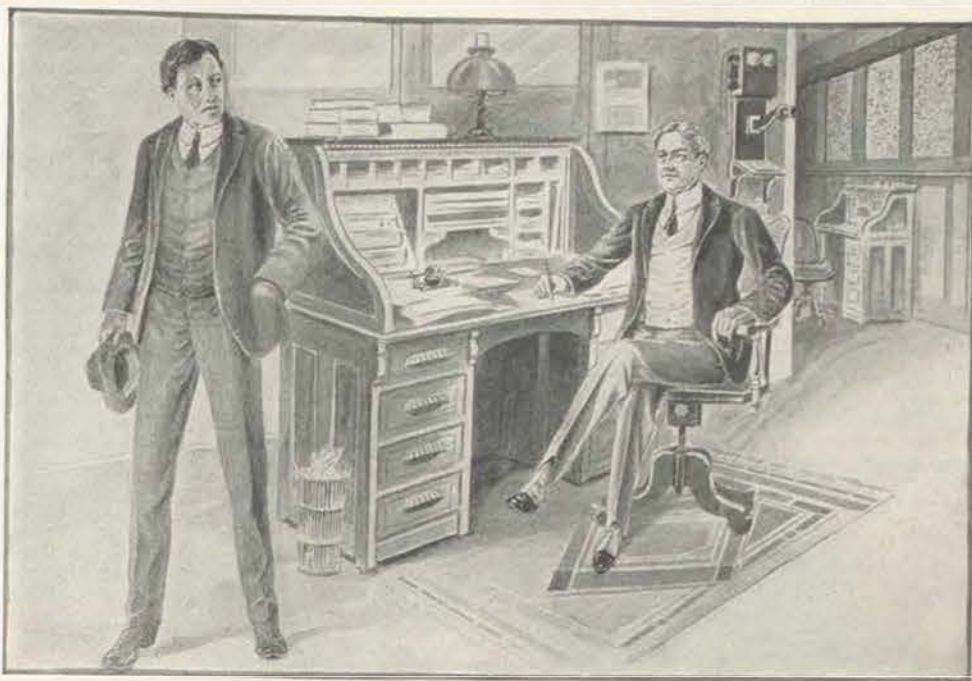
We are chained and bound to the Wheel of Circumstances when we do not love God and man with all our heart, soul and mind.—*A Mystic.*

Beloved, you must first get inside of yourself, if you would know yourself.

Revel in sensual excitements if you would have unrest, disease, pain and sorrow.

The innumerable mental schemes and devices that promise peace, joy and happiness will avail nothing unless backed by frequent earnest, fervent prayers to God within your own soul, in the Silence. Pray only for Light, more light, Life, more life, Guidance, Leading and Direction. God and the Angels always hear and answer such prayers.

The performance of religious rites are good for the soul, in a way; but peace and consolation of the Comforter come in breathing and living the life, that the blessed Christ within is ever pleading with us to live. We secure peace when we find Christ within our own souls; churches, forms and holy books are merely means to help us to that glorious state.



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By Clara J. L. Pierce, in *Practical Ideals*

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To know, to love! Angels descend
From Heaven itself, for this alone.

And must we see, and hear, and touch,

Before we trust the soul's response?

To see, alone, would not be much,
For sight has duped us more than once.

An ecstasy, more wild and fresh

Than South winds blowing, flower-perfumed!

This can we see? Not by the flesh,

By spirit, is such food consumed.

A pure white light, a breath of life—

A spray of lilies, wondrous fair—

With visions, thoughts, the hour is ripe

The soul of Love fills all the air.

God's Kin

THERE is no summit you may not attain,

No purpose which you may not yet achieve,

If you will wait serenely and believe

Each seeming loss is but a step to'd gain.

Between the mountain tops lie vale and plain;

Let nothing make you question, doubt or grieve;

Give only good, and good alone receive;

And as you welcome joy, so welcome pain,

That which you most desire awaits your word;

Throw wide the door and bid it enter in.

Speak, and the strong vibrations shall be stirred;

Speak, and above earth's loud, unmeaning din

Your silent declarations shall be heard.

All things are possible to God's own kin.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in New York Journal.*

"The real man, the spirit or mind, is of the same spiritual essence as the Infinite Intelligence."—*Plato.*

There is one effectual way only whereby the New Thought may be deprived of power. And that is by giving the Old Thought a superior attractiveness. No one will leave the Old for the New except as the New possesses a superior attraction. Conservatism is universal. With love and sympathy at home, there will be no disposition to look for them elsewhere. No one will seek without for that which he is conscious of possessing within.

Where there is sympathy and harmony, and where the Old Thought is permeated with, and radiates love, the family cannot be divided between the Old Thought and the New. The only division between the two is the attitude of mind, and when love is in control there is a perfect blending of both Old and New. Love is the fulfilment of the law, and it is this that the New Thought would restore to the Old.

The power of disease lies in our recognition of it. And non-recognition, whether voluntary or involuntary, always results in a cure.—*Le Forest Potter, M.D.*

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TRUST IN THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLE OF LIFE

By William E. Towne

(Written especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES)

HERE is a mighty, Eternal Principle which lies back of and manifests through all material things. In the realm of matter there is constant change. Forms are never stable. But this Eternal Principle abides through all changes of form and the ebb and flow of matter. This Principle exists forever unchanged and unchangeable. It is the Ultimate of all life, the Great Cause which lies at the root of all causes.

All permanent health and happiness, all real wealth, all marvelous attainments come from trusting in this one great Principle of Being.

The great men of all ages have had a firm, unflinching trust in Principle, or in themselves, as manifestations of it.

Napoleon I was firmly convinced in his own mind that he was a creature of destiny, that there was a mighty power working in and through him by which he was able to accomplish all things. The result of this belief is exhibited in Napoleon's life.

Abraham Lincoln was, I believe, firmly convinced that he was an instrument in the hands of Divine Power, whereby slavery was to be abolished in America, and he stopped at no obstacle until his grand purpose was accomplished.

Lincoln and Napoleon not only had faith in themselves as instruments of Divinity, but they trusted that faith and acted upon it, as have all other great and successful men.

A great musician or a great artist becomes such through his ability to lay hold of the Eternal Principle of the universe. The rank and file of human beings have something of this same faith by which the genius is guided, but they fail to trust it, to follow it. They listen to doubts, to fears, to anything but the inner voice of their own souls, and consequently they never rise above the ranks.

Divine Principle is close to the heart and life of the humblest worker as well as the greatest genius. It is only a lack of recognition of the truth which keeps one in bonds to poverty, unhappiness and all negative conditions.

Amid the whirl and turmoil of material life, it is well to listen for the "still small voice" of the Spirit (Principle of Being) and to follow its every prompting.

You are a part of the One Life. Your life is an integral part of the Whole. Hence through faith and realization you are able to draw from a limitless supply of power.

Go into the silence and seek to connect your atmosphere with the vibrations of Eternal Life. Be not misled by the senses. Seek not in the material realm for the power to accomplish your desires, but seek instead to come into harmony with Eternal Principle. Your mental atmosphere or aura is governed by your thoughts. To connect yourself with power you must first create around you an atmosphere of power by thinking power. Allow no thought of weakness to enter your mind. Think of yourself as a part of all the power in the universe and hence able to appropriate from it sufficient for all your needs. Then in the silence make yourself passive to the influx of power vibrations. Your atmosphere, if properly developed by right thoughts, will then receive and absorb life from the very fountainhead of being. That which you once deemed impossible of accomplishment will now be clearly within your means to do.

Little by little an inner sense of firmness and strength will be built up. You will have more courage, more self-reliance, less of foreboding, less of doubt, less of vacillation.

Put absolute repose and trust in the Divine Principle of life. The more completely you can do away with all doubt and give yourself up to the guidance of the Spirit, the better channel you will become for the manifestation of health and power.

Always remember that it is not from your personal self but from the One Divine Self that strength and wisdom cometh. Let the Divine Self shine out through your personal, mortal self and illuminate you.

This is what illumination means: The blending of the personal, mortal man in the Divine Life. The more completely you can blend your life in the All Life the greater will be your manifestation of power.

There will come divine peace and satisfaction from this blending, and lasting peace and satisfaction can be obtained in no other way. Your personal life and will must be dedicated to the Spirit.

So long as you recognize only your personal self, and follow the dictates of your personal will, you are limited and hampered at every turn. You are constantly upsetting the Divine order of things and suffering all sorts of unhappiness because you do not vibrate in harmony with the Whole. You are like a discordant note in a song. Your resistance causes friction which manifests as discord.

But when you catch a glimpse of the eternal order of the universe, when you are willing to give up your mortal will to the Divine Will, when you see that back of all seeming inharmonious there rests the great Eternal Principle of Being, then you begin to realize something of this harmony. The troubled waters of your mortal mind begin to grow calm and the peace of the Spirit steals into your soul. The material, mortal and temporal begin to give place to the eternal. Sickness, doubt, despair and all forms of weakness are replaced by health and power, simply because you have realized that you are one with the source of all health and power, which is the Principle of Eternal Being.

Your sickness, your poverty, your unhappiness, were due to your non-recognition of your higher or divine self—your soul.

When you are ready and willing to recognize the higher self and turn to the Spirit for light and guidance, the path will be made clear before you and you will know how to proceed. You will begin to know what it is to have lasting peace and satisfaction. You will, in time, consciously lay hold of eternal life itself.

The key to all success in spiritual unfoldment is faith. If you have not faith already, seek it in the silence and wait for its unfoldment. According to your faith will be your realization.

Do not try to reason the matter out. Reason is a good balance wheel, but a poor guide and master. Just trust all to the Spirit within. Dedicate your personal life to the Whole each day. Seek in the silence to blend your being with the One Life. Seek to lay hold of Eternal Truth as distinguished from the partial truths of the sense life. Seek for that which is beyond and back of the senses. Seek through your intuitive powers.

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Is Physical Immortality Possible?

By Arthur F. Milton

This question, like the theological belief in a future life, must have an incentive for its being.

Wish or desire for immortality has been proved by Psychic Research to be based on fact, and the wish or desire for a prolonged physical existence might possess a like hidden truth in connection with it—if but as a relative extension beyond the normal.

If three-score-and-ten constitutes the end, we already have examples. Now, if the soul or spirit can hold the body over its allotted period but one day, what prevents it from holding over a perfectly sound body many days or years?

It has been suggested that the organs renew themselves after a certain age, provided they are unitedly sound, so that one is not dependent on another for subsistence.

As bodily vigor is gauged by the life or vitality of the organs, a little painstaking might be the means of prolonging life indefinitely. A healed liver has been known to renew lost eyesight; a stomach cured from dyspepsia to arrest decaying teeth, while arrested consumption has restored bloom to the cheeks; and cases are reported where those over ninety have been surprised with new hair or teeth, second sight, and a new lease of life in a healthy body, if not a youthful one. Such may have tided over the transition or death-period by implanting new life on old soil.

If the human race were to live a strictly temperate and moral life there is no telling what may be achieved. A few cannot accomplish it alone, because they are influenced by environments—magnetically as much as materially; for the magnetism or electricity needed for physical existence is as subject to contamination as air is; and that expended by unhealthy organs is vitiating to the healthy.

Now, if universal health existed, these human perennials or superannuated mortals could probably be in a position to prove what many are wishing for—if not forever, at least for a period or as desired. And if one period of old age could be thus tided over, who knows but that it could be extended ad libitum with physical refinement or a gradual etherealizing of the flesh that would insulate it from matter?

Living in the material or on the exterior exclusively, without a counterpoise from within, says a metaphysician, is death and decay to the body. But by living within (self-study) interior vibration is generated, which is vitalizing to the organs and gives renewed life and vigor to the whole outer man, besides freeing him from much of the pain and suffering that humanity is heir to, in that a quickened spirit already makes the body positive to material influences for such effects, and comparatively sensitive to or conscious of Casual influences—the initial step toward the control of mind over matter.

This then may contain the key to the secret; and when the world becomes a unity on this Socratic doctrine, man may be able to find his way to the truth sought—provided the expressed wish continues to be felt.

Having outlived his time, which is also said to signify a superior interior or soul-vibration to that of the exterior, and in which state he becomes personally conscious of a higher life, he may prefer to go hence.

But even should he be conscious of all this, who would believe him, unless those possessing the same truth?

Perhaps we have had such among us, known as revelators or Messiahs. And if Nature is consistent, repetitions are not impossible, though it would now perhaps need an organized body to validate their claims as individuals, who possess truths that all are secretly wishing and hoping for, yet fearing to avow, and even publicly deny.

Oh, false pride, traducer of man's sublimest revelations! Its riddance would probably reveal many little faiths to be great facts!

Sayings of Arthur F. Milton

THE feelings of despair or distress oftentimes arising from the central consciousness without apparent cause, and to many unaccountable, may be the soul struggling for release or freedom as the unborn of this world does upon its near approach to freedom. But, like the latter, it must abide its natural birth for perfect results.

The thirst for knowledge may be quenched by introspection; for its cessation seems to rest in the gratification of knowing self or as we approach this end. Contentment depends upon the understanding of causes, wherever our interest may be centered.

Only in love and sympathy lies true healing-power, and this may be extended without touch or demonstration—often the safer method for the demonstrator in that it prevents contamination. Vanity or false pride in matters of the heart or soul is unnatural and thus unprofitable.

If Souls assimilate with the "many mansions" according to similarity of character, the selfish must be naturally drawn into the "bottomless pit," in that both only take in and never give out.



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"THE WHOLE WORLD KIN"

BY J. P. COOKE

(Written Especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES)

AN American sailor boy was buried at Copenhagen a few weeks ago. He was only a humble naval apprentice on the *Kearsarge*, the type of our admirable American youth. Yet the consular representatives of foreign governments all united in paying respect to his memory; the wife of the Mayor of Copenhagen walked a mile and a half in order to lay a wreath on this sailor boy's grave, showing her sympathy with the sorrowing mother far away across the ocean. The incident was a happy illustration of the fact that Sympathy, the "one touch of Nature, makes the whole world kin." The grand fact of our common humanity is the significant fact.

We all see how THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES is reaching out with its wonderful circulation—its living and loving aims, its spirit of kinship, and its cheering and blessing. THE MYSTIC SUCCESS CLUB is showing the magnetic power of its simple, human kindness; and there, once again, is "the one touch of Nature" that makes the whole world kindred.

The voices from the Inner Life are thus ever whispering to our human hearts, trying to buoy them up with hope and faith and Love. We see that the Soul of Goodness is all that there is—the All in All—the very Breath of Being, blessing us, hour by hour, while we are all as children on the great Bosom of His Love. That Love which is ever whispering to us, "Little children, love one another. Love one another!"

Are we not ever ready to rejoice, to sing "a new song of gladness"—that this loving Wisdom Spirit is growing among us and pouring knowledge and wisdom into our human hearts?

We learn to appreciate this "touch of Nature" more keenly when we think of the horrors and inhumanities which flow from its neglect and from its absence. Think how the Holy Land was once deluged in gore—that ground on which the sweet Saviour put His blessed feet. Think that in the name of God, the Eternal Goodness, the Inquisition was instituted and thousands of people were burned at the stake. In the same dear Name, the Waldenses were suppressed and the South of France was made a desolation. In that Name—the fires of Smithfield were lighted by the order of those who regarded themselves as His chosen servants. I do not speak of these horrors now as casting deep guilt upon those who perpetrated them; for theirs were times of dense ignorance, savage times; they knew not, as we know, what it was that they did. We grant that they were good men, often pious and devout, thoughtful and wise; men of learning; men who tried to work by the light of conscience and truth; but they had become so entirely familiar with the use of God's name, and they were so perpetually using it in connection with their private prejudices, talking about Him as if they knew His inmost secrets, and could vouch for His purposes, and pronounce His decrees. It was, indeed, so much their habit to speak of Him as if He had declared Himself to them confidentially, that they, at last, lost all sense of the sanctity that belongs to that Great Name. To them, He was identified with their opinions. They were His intimate friends—His counselors. He communicated to them His designs; He told them what they were to do, and they went on following their own mad passion, pride, recklessness and wilfulness, imagining all the while that they were supported by the Holy One.

When we think of all this dreadful train of mischiefs and evils on the one side, and on the other side think of God, that Being whose name is Love, whose essence is kindness, whose Being is the attraction of Goodness and Sweetness, of Mercy and Pity for all, it really seems incomprehensible that men ever could have been guilty of ascribing to Him wickednesses and evils at the sight of which they should have stood aghast themselves. All this comes from ignoring the sweet humanities; from lack of simple human sympathy.

Sweetly do we turn to a story told in some old Jewish book about Abraham. As he sat musing at the evening hour, near the opening of his tent, a stranger approaches. He is an old man, way-worn and weary, his clothing travel-stained, and his gray hair tangled and matted with dust. The venerable patriarch rises, giving him dignified greeting, welcomes him to his tent, brings water for his feet, hastens to prepare for the stranger the evening meal and asks him to sit down.

The meal being ready, the patriarch rises to offer the usual prayer to the God of his worship—but the guest continues seated.

The Patriarch says to him, "What! Do you not bow before Jehovah?"

"I know Him not," said the stranger; "I come from the far East and have not so much as heard His name. In our land we are worshippers of the Sun Light."

Then the Patriarch rises in anger. "Infidel blas-

phemer! Begone!" And with curses he drives the old man out into the storm and darkness.

Abraham returns to his tent and hears the voice of the Lord: "Abraham, where is the stranger I sent unto thee?" And Abraham answers: "Lord, he did not believe in Thy name, he did not confess Thee, and I sent him away."

Then said Jehovah: "Abraham, have I borne with thee for one hundred years, and couldst thou not bear with thy fellow man for a single night?"

Let us not be Bigoted. Let us ever remember the sympathy, the holy affection, the one touch of Nature that makes all men kin.

Let us ever think nobly of God, though every man be unworthy. Let us not dare to fancy that His thoughts are as our thoughts or His ways as our ways. Let us live humbly and helpfully on our own plane of experience and endeavor, manfully and sincerely, honestly and earnestly as we may, leaving to Him the whole expanse of the absolute and the perfect. Let us look to that Inward Light, the Director of our Spiritual Being. Let us long for Him. Let us hope in His goodness. Let us seek to deserve it by human kindness and human helpfulness. With all our hearts and strength let us believe in Him.

Let us ever remember that the Eternal Goodness is the spirit of health and of safety. He is Light—He is the sunshine and air. He is the Bright Glory that purifies and blesses. He is the regeneration of the heart, the Inspirer of Goodness.

When we speak of God, we speak of the Living Light—the Glory of all Glories. The grand Creator and Re-Creator. The possibility of all Regeneration, of all Nobleness.

It was a grand old Oriental Scripture that said: "God made not death. He created the generations of men that they might have their being. There is no poison nor contagion in them." He is the Eternal and Unchanging One: As He was in the beginning so is He always.

As angel-hearted Whittier says:

Yet, in the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed stake my spirit clings—
I know that God is good.
Not mine to look where cherubim
And seraphs may not see,
But nothing can be good in Him
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The wrong that pains my soul below
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As soul-culture grows, and develops men, and the world becomes spiritualized, *dis-ease*, discord, poverty and drudgery will vanish. This planet, commencing with the Twentieth Century, ended its Third Great Cycle and entered the Fourth Great Cycle, and swung with our solar system into a new place in space—the Psychic-mental Sphere. In a little while (about 1925) we will be in the full White Light of the Spirit and the minds of men will no longer be bound and prisoned by ignorance, dogma, creed, superstition, tradition, pessimism, etc. We have just entered THE FOURTH GREAT CYCLE! Blessed Cycle! Awake! awake! Knowest thou that this is the Soul Age?—*The Blissful Prophet*.

The New Thought, as I understand it, in its highest expression, causes the mind to work in and from the inner temple of the soul, and join itself with Divine or Universal Mind; that in this holy mergence we are divinely led to all we need; or, as we seek and find the God within, we see how Providence provides for all.—*Frank Harrison*.

Many omniscient men are now making themselves known and felt. Many great adepts now walk up and down the world working good.—*The Blissful Prophet*.

There are no accidents or coincidents in God's great Plan of Evolution.

The sensual man in a while becomes satiated and disgusted with sensualism, its short pleasures and long periods of pains, and moves up on the plane of mind or soul, or both, and reaches a higher state of action and consciousness. Thus works the law of Evolution and Reincarnation.—*Frank Harrison*.



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—Emerson

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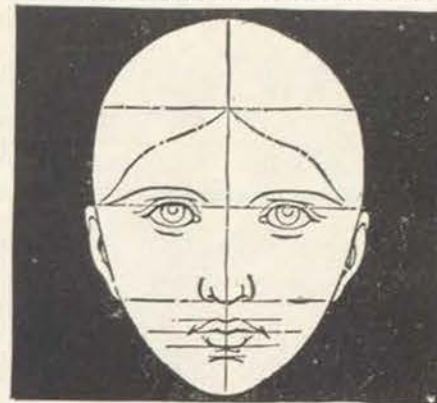
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The Joy of Unity in the Spirit

BY J. P. COOKE

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Is there any sweeter, dearer word in our language than the word "Unity"? It is pleasant to the lips and dear to the heart. We love to think of the Unity of Brethren, the Unity of States, of races, of languages, aspirations. Especially dear is the word to the great throbbing heart of Humanity.

The unity of all faiths, all philosophies has been a delicious dream for ages. One generation has bequeathed it to another for thousands of years. It is an idea potent over the Imagination above all others. The "opposition," such as "dogmatism," "sectarianism," "caste," are the mere ramparts that were erected to defend various powers in stormy times. Useless now, and even worse than useless in times of peace. They are Chains that bind the spirit to earth and darkness.

Nobody wages war now against the substance of religion: Love, Joy, Peace, Goodness, Gentleness. All right-minded people, whatever may be their theological connections, venerate the same Holiness, and uphold the same standards of Justice, Purity and Good Will. Let us cultivate that charity which "suffereth long and is kind."

How comforting the words, "That they all may be one, as their Father in me and I in thee; that they also may be One in us." How beautifully it suggests that Love which is as deep as the Breath—yea, as the life of Love.

This very spirit of Brotherhood has organized The Mystic Success Club, which seems to say, "Come unto us; let us help thee and bless thee; and teach thee to forget thy sorrows and privations, and be blessed by the spirit of kindness and of helpful Brotherhood."

The modern city is distinguished from the ancient by the absence of wall and moat. We do not fear attack. Religion in America has no enemies that are not also the enemies of society and of the Rights of Man. It is useless in these days to create a desolation and to call it peace. There is a better way. And it is part of the helpful labor of THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES to show this better way, to teach it to the hearts and minds of men.

Let us all strive to realize a Unity, not of an army, but of a family, a true Brotherhood, attracted by the Mystic bond of love.

Let us suppose the spirit of kind fellowship is in control. Let us think that the prayer that all may be one is as fervent as when first uttered by the blessed Teacher's lips. How different the results for the world of Humanity. Yet these Aspirations are on a level with the most aspiring, while they reach the most abject.

Every string on that wonderful harp, the human heart, is represented. And the Bright Ones can call forth the divine strains of penitence as well as the songs of Joy and Praise. Contemplate this "Harp in the Air." Here there are mysteries for the heart of faith, Problems for the Reason, Rules and precepts for the Conscience, Holy forms of Angel, Saint and Madonna for the affections of pious souls. It has symbols for the Inner sight of the developed. It has enterprises for the men and women who by effort and sacrifice would serve the world. The brightest minds of the modern world have room enough to spread their wings and soar into the heavens, whether of Mysticism, Philosophy, Art or Beauty. What cannot be transcribed into everyday speech can be rendered in the language of symbol and imagery. All the chambers of the soul are connected by the spiritual currents; all are open for the uses of the nobler—and the higher reason.

Genius, Culture, Philosophy, even Science, may all dwell peacefully in this Mystic communion—kept there by the attractions of the Inner life, the Absolute Love and Goodness which is all pervading.

That Inner world of happiness is called the abode of Absolute Love. The Hindoo calls it "KRISHNA," from the Sanscrit root *Karshati*—to draw. "Krishna" means that which attracts us to itself. What attracts us so powerfully as Love? It is the source and substance of all attraction! The Master says: "All things are held by the Law of Attraction—and the attraction is God."

"A Love, so tender, so tried, and so true,
For Hate must cease and discord die.
But LOVE is never ending."

Since we are all children of the One Great Giver of Life, this inner feeling of Unity, of Brotherhood, is the essentially Religious element of all the world to-day. What matters it whether we call it "Bhakti Yoga"—with the Indian Mystic, or call it "Religion," with Schleiermacher, that loving Pastor, a shepherd in his heart of hearts, a true lover of Humanity—or associate it in our minds with the Mystic spirit of love so beautifully exemplified in

Madame de Guyon or in Mother Virtuzia, in her "Circles of Light," or with a dozen or a hundred "cults," it is the same. It is the LOVE OF GOD, resting in the HEART OF MAN! Call it what you please.

It is even wise to sacrifice every other thing for the sake of a true Brotherhood of Kindness and Helpfulness. It is not a fond or fanciful dream—but a solid, organized and organizing fact.

Be it ever remembered that peace and purity may be held as inseparable, and in this spirit helping each other to purify the heart and strengthen the life; thus becoming a ministration of helpfulness by sweetly and reasonably sanctifying life here and now. Why not thus realize the PRESENT HEAVEN?

Like a little child tottering toward the threshold of knowledge, Humanity is asking for the Bread of Life—not the dogmas of death. That Bread of Life which is the Knowledge of God—of Love—of Life, of Goodness!

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Then let us now and always seek not for the unity of the flesh—in the array of battle—but rather for unity of the spirit in the blessed bonds of Peace and Brotherhood. For those who bring many unto Right living "shall shine like the stars, for ever and ever."

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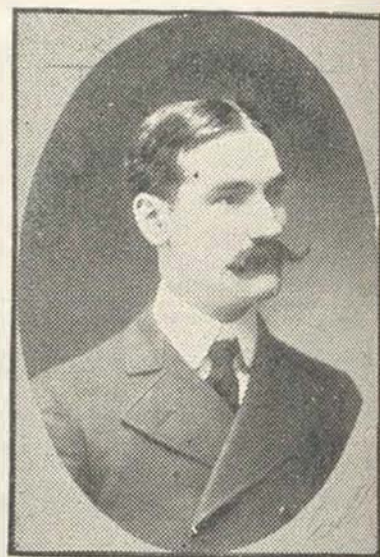
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FAITH AND FEAR

By Eugene Del Mar

Written especially for THE MAGAZINE OF MYSTERIES

TOGETHER, faith and fear constitute an unchangeable quantity. As the one expands the other contracts. While faith impels peace of mind and health of body, fear induces mental inharmonious and physical disease. There is too little faith, and too much fear.

Faith is soul knowledge, or the realization of truth. It is the spiritual assimilation of a prior intellectual perception. Faith must be distinguished carefully from credulity. Negative and passive acceptance does not constitute the appropriation and assimilation essential to faith.

That Principle is universal and eternal, and that Beneficence is its ruling motive, or that God is All and God is Good, is the basic Truth; and it is essential that one have faith in it, if he is to have health of mind and body. Without faith in the consistency and beneficence of the Universe—and, therefore, in its love and justice—one must express inharmonious and manifest disease.

The foremost physical scientists of the age—such men as Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall and Spencer—rank among its greatest spiritual teachers. The faith in the unity and beneficence of God which dominated these master minds, has been conspicuously lacking in many of the best known exponents of theology. It was faith that inspired and made great the work accomplished by these men of science.

Faith in God does not involve the use of particular words or phrases, or the acceptance of special formulas. One may reject current conceptions of the Infinite, and the established doctrines of theology, and yet be deeply religious and spiritual. In fact, the rejection of popular conceptions is necessary to the attainment of spirituality and faith.

One's choice is between unity and duality, or principle and appearance. The former involves wisdom and faith, and the latter ignorance and doubt. The former expresses itself in peace of mind and manifests in health of body, while the latter carries mental inharmonious and physical disease.

The perception of Unity and Beneficence carries with it a conception of a Universe of Love, of the mutual benefit of its parts, of the co-operation of the Self with its environment, and of One Principle manifesting in duality of appearance.

The perception of Duality carries with it a conception of a Universe of Love and Hate, of mutual antagonisms, of the opposition of the Self to its environment, and of dual principles of Good and Evil manifesting in corresponding duality of appearance.

The Universe is not changed an iota by one's conception of it, but his conception determines his conscious relation to it. To each individual, the Universe is what he believes it to be. One receives as he gives; he reaps what he sows. The thoughts one gives forth measure what shall come to him, and the love or hate that one puts into his environment determines what shall return to him.

The conception of Unity is the ally of faith, while that of Duality is the companion of fear. The realization of Unity renders impossible a belief in inherent contest, while in the conception of Duality, this is involved as a fundamental necessity. Unity signifies pulling together, as contrasted with the pulling apart that Duality represents.

The fear of death is the master fear, and denotes the extreme conception of separation; and from this origin flow the fear of disease and the fear of poverty. One fears that which he deems both opposed to, and stronger than, himself; so that one's fears are proportioned to his exaltation of environment over the Self. The conception of Unity excludes opposition, and forbids any such misconceived exaltation.

The realization of Unity elevates Man in his own estimation, and expands his conception of God. In the consciousness of his true relation to Infinite

Spirit, he knows that Self-control is the one essential to his purposeful determination of physical and material conditions.

One does not fear death when he knows its purpose is beneficent, and that love and justice are immanent in all the phenomena of existence, eternally and universally. Neither does he fear disease when he knows its purpose is to warn and guide, to advise and assist; that it is a reward rather than a punishment, and that it comes from within rather than from without.

One does not fear failure or poverty when he knows that such conditions are imposed only when they furnish lessons needful in one's soul development. Nor does he fear them when he knows that he possesses the key to success and affluence. One fears nothing when he knows there is nothing to fear.

When one realizes his unity with God fully, he has no ground for fear or apprehension; he recognizes the magnitude of his powers and privileges, and he has faith in his ability to accomplish; he identifies himself with power and affluence, and therefore manifests physically and materially what he represents spiritually and mentally.

The realization of the Unity of Principle—despite duality of appearance—distinguishes the spiritual man, or man of faith; while the belief in duality of principle—in correspondence with duality of appearance—marks the material man, or man of doubt.

The conception of Unity leads to a realization of the inseparability of God and Man, and elevates Man to his supremacy of environment. It establishes confidence and faith, and assures success.

Whatever tends to a deeper realization of the truths of inherent unity and beneficence assists spiritual development. Affirmations, denials, silences and formulas are of advantage only as they intensify this realization. Experience is of direct benefit precisely to the same extent.

A belief in duality—of God and Devil, or a Principle of Good and a Principle of Evil in eternal conflict—involves mental inharmonious and physical disease. *Belief and condition are correlated*; one follows from the other as a necessary and inevitable consequence.

The law of the whole is the law of the part, and one's conception of the Universe determines his estimate of the Self. Conceiving the Universe as self-destructive, he interprets himself similarly, and regards himself as a battle-ground for the contest of good and evil, happiness and misery, health and disease, life and death.

The New Thought attacks the very stronghold of theology—the belief in a Principle of Evil, as personified in the Devil. The conception of Unity recognizes no Principle of Evil, or of inherent malevolence. In this conception there is no consciousness of fear, for divine love and beneficence are recognized as universal and eternal. There is no need, therefore, for priestly intervention between God and Man, for there is no separation and no antagonism.

Health is not a matter of luck, or happiness the result of chance. Neither can be perpetuated through mere attention to symptoms, or consideration of appearances. They demand realization of truth and devotion to principle.

The conception of Unity inculcates faith in life, in health, in success, in prosperity. It knows the Self as an individual Soul, yet inseparable from Universal Spirit, and possessing conscious powers and privileges proportionate to its faith. It recognizes health and success as the birthright of each individual.

One who has faith in the Unity and Beneficence of God manifests it in a life service and recognizes the joy of living. He "returns good for evil," for he recognizes good only. He "loves his enemies," for he knows friends alone. He is sure of Heaven, for he carries it within him. And Heaven is peace of mind and health of body.



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For that kind word, as Hagar in the wild—
Poor, banished Hagar!—prayed a well might burst
From out the sand to save her parching child.
And loving eyes that cannot see the mind
Will watch the expected movement of the lip.
Ah! can ye let its cutting silence wind
Around that heart and scathe it like a whip?

Unspoken words, like treasures in the mine,
Are valueless until we give them birth;
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The old cries of intolerance have no place in this great age of Love, Light and Progress. Praise God, from whom all Light flows!

Your manners will depend very much upon the quality of what you think on; for the soul is tinged with the color and complexion of thought.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

The hope of man is the ability to adjust himself to new and wider environments forever.—*Powell.*

Don't carry the world on your shoulders (in your imagination). Don't attempt too much; but what you do attempt, do it with earnestness—do your best. Take a simple task—and the greatest affairs will be found simple, when taken in hand a portion or a step at a time—and centre your attention. Let it be something you like; and then your work will be done very well.—*Burly.*

A fostered thought gives birth unto a deed,
Guard then with watchful care the secret mind,
That thoughts and deeds may be as angels' wings,
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—*Angelia Hope.*

He only is advancing in life whose heart is getting softer, whose blood warmer, whose brain quicker, whose spirit is entering into living peace.—*Ruskin.*

To know is to live. The more you know, the more you aspire to know. To know is to lessen all the friction, moil and turmoil of life. And what is the Supreme Knowledge—to know the Knower—God. "To live, know; to know, live."

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As a Man Thinketh

THOUGHTS are the mothers of deeds. A man's own desires are the worst tempters he has to fear. Whatever is most inside him, he will live out sooner or later. The only way to reform him is to eradicate the evil from his heart. This can be done by supplanting the ignoble thought by a higher ideal, says the Essence.

We are just beginning to realize that the ruling world is the interior world. The social inharmonies we see is but an indication of the mental inharmonies we do not see. The greed everywhere apparent is the result of the love of money inculcated in the minds of the children for generations.

The fear of the law does not permanently reform men. If a man has it in his heart to steal and is deterred by dread of punishment, he will usually scheme around to overreach and cheat his neighbors in less hazardous ways. In other words, actions are ruled by internals, not externals.

Whatever the ideals of a people are will be shown in the national life. If they are greedy and covetous they will want conquest. If their chief aim is material wealth they will reverence and enthroned the man who has most of it. If they have little regard for the rights and liberties of others they will be less liable to resist oppression themselves. If they are corrupt in their own hearts they will wink at corruption in others. In fact, they are more lenient toward a wrong that they would commit if they had the opportunity.

The roots of governmental wrongs are in the people themselves. The reform of the nation begins at the fireside. The man who would get society right must get right himself and teach others to get right. If we would have cleaner politics we must have cleaner hearts.

The world is just beginning to understand the power of thought and suggestion. Many a jailbird would do better if everybody did not regard and treat him as a thief. Many a woman who has gone wrong would get back into the right path if she had the help of a little love and confidence. Let everybody constantly suggest to a man that he is a rascal, and after a while he may get to thinking so himself, and then he will become one.

Find out what a man thinks of most and you will be able to tell what kind of a man he is. His actions are only the outward expressions of his dreams. If his mind is full of carousing, of lewdness, of greed, of murder, and he does not get rid of these thoughts, his actions finally will get in line with his desires.

The need is not only to guard the deeds and the words, but the thoughts. In them is the fountainhead of evil. Set a warder on your mind. Quit thinking of the unworthy thing. Drive the unclean concept from you. For therein is the root of sin. You do not carry your exterior through the gates of death. You take only the interior; and that will make your heaven or your hell.

The man is not sinless who keeps his mind on the plane of wrong, uncharitableness. Do you say you cannot control your thoughts? Oh, but you can. You are master, not your appetite. Your body is only a machine to obey you. It will rule you, it is true, if you are weak enough to let it. But, like a dog, it will be submissive if you assert and maintain your mastery.

Think of the good, the pure, the sweet, the beautiful. Every time you catch yourself thinking of something unworthy turn to nobler things. After a time the higher thinking will become a habit.

The Christ explained all these things perfectly, and it has taken us nineteen hundred years to begin to realize them. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Solomon expressed it also: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Someone else has put it: "To the pure, all things are pure." And still another: "Evil to him who evil thinks."

Ideals are the dynamic force that rules the world. Keep your mind upon the true, the lofty and the loving, and your life will become as beautiful as the things you contemplate.

We get a knowledge of God and His Plan by loving Him—fervently and persistently loving Him. No one can fervently and persistently love the All-Father unless he loves all Being—all His children—"good" or "bad."

Character

CHARACTER is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live, as well as to think.

Character is the centrality, the impossibility of being displaced or overset.

Heaven sometimes hedges a rare character about with ungainliness and odium, as the burr that protects the fruit.

Conversation is the vent of character as well as of thought.

He has not learned the lessons of life who does not every day surmount a fear.

Intellect annuls fate. So far as a man thinks, he is free.

The flowering of civilization is the finished man, the man of sense, of grace, of accomplishment, of social power—the gentleman.

He is great who is what he is from nature, and who never reminds us of others.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.

The firmest and noblest ground on which people can live is truth; the real with the real; a ground on which nothing is assumed.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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Second—Remember that one may be witty without being popular, voluble without being agreeable, a great talker and yet a great bore.

Third—Be sincere. One who habitually sneers at everything not only renders himself disagreeable to others but will soon cease to find pleasure in life.

Fourth—Be frank. A frank, open countenance and a clear, cheery laugh are worth far more even socially than "pedantry in a stiff cravat."

Fifth—Be amiable. You may hide a vindictive nature under a polite exterior for a time, as a cat masks its sharp claws in velvet fur, but the least provocation brings out one as quickly as the other, and ill-natured people are always disliked.

Sixth—Be sensible. Society never lacks for fools, and what you consider very entertaining nonsense may soon be looked upon as very tiresome folly.

Seventh—Be cheerful. If you have no great

trouble on your mind you have no right to render other people miserable by your long face and doctorous tones. If you do you will generally be avoided.

Eighth—Above all, be cordial and sympathetic. True cordiality and sympathy unite all the other qualities enumerated and are certain to secure the popularity so dear to every one.

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The dull, sluggish brain and the ice chilly heart,
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Then hail to the workers, true kings of the earth,
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MANY times a thought comes to us or we hear a statement of some truth, and it may be long afterward that the full realization of the true meaning of the statement comes to us. How often have we heard that the only thing a man can possibly lose is his opportunity? How well we know that it is true, and yet do we not frequently waste our God-given opportunities or fail to recognize them as they come? And so they pass us by.

When we hold ourselves in readiness for opportunity, and seize it when it comes, we make the way for more and greater opportunities, for the true things of life come where they are utilized and appreciated. You need never fear that opportunity will not come your way, because it will. The only thing to doubt is your reception of it. Will you be ready for it, and accept it? Will you be true, generous and joyous in the expression of your opportunity?

Countries, churches, societies of all kinds, as well as individuals, have their opportunity. All religion is founded upon some form of truth, or it could not last at all, but when any organized worship loses its strength of love it has lost its opportunity and you will find the organization disintegrating. When the truth of it has gone, it must go and make way for the next movement and the next opportunity. Truth is the vitalized life of all opportunity.

The truth of anything is the essence of the thing; that part of it which lives always, which is everlasting. Truth knows no such thing as destruction. Its whole expression is one of beauty, harmony, youth, everything beautiful. See how Mother Nature always seizes her opportunity; how she constantly renews the bloom of her youth; how she is always a living expression of life and divine economy!

Opportunity knows neither time nor space, neither sex nor relation. Its religion is universal. Its force is limitless eternity. To be sure, exactly the same opportunity never returns, and if you waste one opportunity the next may be more difficult to grasp, but it is always within reach, and when you utilize an opportunity, the next is always more ready, as well as easier to control.

The genuine part of all things, of all manifestation, rests in the soul of men. The part of man which is divine recognizes the divinity in everything else. The more we come into complete soul-consciousness, the more we are unconscious of the unreal. Only life can produce life. Only life can perceive life.

If you examine yourself truly you will see that what you condemn in others is always in yourself. The more bitterly you condemn it the bigger it is in yourself, and the reason you do not act just as badly as the person you condemn is probably because you have not the chance. Were it not so, you would not even be conscious of it in him, or if you were conscious of his act, it would not make enough impression upon your mind to give it the second thought.

We do not want to be emotional in grasping opportunities. Emotions are useful in their place and under control, but the power is in the steady, calm poise. An emotion is either a virtue or a vice, according to the use we make of it. A force that in one expression might be considered a vice can be so applied as to be called a virtue. What it is to us depends entirely upon our attitude of mind toward it.

You cannot make a dogmatic statement of anything when that is simply your opinion of it. All virtue is a matter of opinion. Vice is also a mat-

ter of opinion. Whether it is a virtue or a vice depends largely upon our opportunity of expression. The truth of a manifestation lies far deeper than any untoward form of its expression. The truth of it is the essence, the soul of it.

Sometimes these statements sound extreme, but let us see. Generosity is considered a great virtue, but it may be so misapplied as to be a positive vice. It may be carried to such an excess that the man naturally so generous may become a spendthrift or a libertine. The quality of generosity or any other quality does not belong alone to the pocketbook or to externals. A man who steals your material belongings is no more a thief than a man who gossips and steals your reputation.

Charity, such a beautiful soul quality, may be so perverted as to be injurious. You may do the utmost injury to a man by the exercise of false charity. Again, it is usually considered a vice to deprive a soul of its opportunity of expression upon this planet.

In other words, to kill a man is regarded as a crime, and yet if a robber attack me and I kill him I am a hero. If I go to war and help slaughter hundreds of my brothers I am crowned with glory and honor. Do you not see that it is all a matter of application and opinion?

Genuine opportunity is always constructive. Any force that is destructive is not true. A man must grow either in one direction or another, and with the desire for truth in his soul he will always grow in truth and always be stronger in consciousness.

A student of truth for truth's sake will never turn backward. No matter how the objective expression may falter, the soul has started on its journey and will never hesitate when once it has perceived the great opportunity of its expression, and knows it must become strong in that expression.

The way to be strong is to constantly and consciously desire strength; then you will practice for it, pray for it, breathe for it. Such things mean accomplishing. Faith without works amounts to little more than works without faith. Realization is weak without action.

Spiritual practice means to make the attempt to perceive everything from a spiritual basis. Polarize in the spiritual, as it were, being conscious of man and of the universe from the spiritual standpoint. It can be done, and is really the only way of establishing the kingdom of God, the spiritual on earth. Harmony can reign on earth; that is the only heaven there is anywhere. Harmony is heaven, whether manifested on this plane or any other.

Sometimes it seems strange that it takes any effort to realize the opportunity of our lives when it is all so easy. Perhaps that is the reason we pass our opportunity by. We are looking for some great big something to do. We want somebody's else work—something which seems mightier than our own—and so we miss the opportunity which belongs to ourselves.

When we learn to see the very best there is in every other one of ourselves we have come into the God-spirit of creation. All this misconception about each other is so unnecessary, so delusive. Why not change it into the Christ-realization, and know that we are all one and all beautiful in a spirit and in truth? With that realization of truth about people our individual earth which was without form and void has become divinely methodical, and the spirit of truth recreates man in his own image.

To see the good in all men we must reveal it in ourselves. Be ready to serve our brother. It is far better to serve than to pray. No one but ourselves needs our prayers, and every other one of ourselves as well as ourselves needs our service. The great opportunity of life is in service, and opportunity is always a present thing. It has nothing to do with any past or future expression.



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The Color Theory of Prof. Gates

THERE are certain emotions which retard circulation, respiration, digestion, produce pallor, hasten fatigue, and other emotions which do just the reverse. Fear causes a cold perspiration which differs chemically from that due to joyous labor. Anger fills the mouth with a bitter taste. By training the good emotions, life and health are promoted, while the bad emotions shorten life.

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At a recent meeting of the Homoeopathic Medical Society in Chicago, Arthur O. Sax, M.D., said:

Anger or fear will poison the secretions of the body. Anger or fright promotes a secretion of poison in the sac of a venomous snake and this where the snake is in the head of a man. We have no organ where we may store the toxins we develop for the same purpose, perhaps, as the snake, and consequently we poison ourselves with the material we meant for our enemies.

I am conscious of eternal life.—*Theodore Parker.*

A Thought

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—Revelation iii, 12.

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To crown each life of toil and strife
A time of peace is given,
And souls may come like children home
To rest awhile in heaven;
But those who still with earnest will
To perfect Love aspire,
After brief stay must pass away
And rise from high to higher.

No memory clings of bygone things—
We wake, as on a stair,
And only know, above, below,
That many more are there.
Sleep ever lies about our eyes
"As night in fir tree's bough."
We can but move in faith and love
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—B. P. D., in *Light of Reason*.

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Truth dominates and controls. It is not possessed by one; it possesses him. In taking possession it penetrates and permeates one's entire being, and it induces more or less confusion and perturbation. However, it repays always more than fully for all the disturbances it causes, and it constitutes an asset that endures eternally.

Fortunately, one's conscious receptivity to truth, at any particular time, is a limited one. He can assimilate consciously only what he is unfolded to and his development calls for. Whatever truth beyond this seeks admission is taken in charge by the subconsciousness, where it is stowed away in safety until the consciousness is prepared to receive it.

The initial reception of a great truth occasions a perturbation that at times the physical form proves unequal to. Doubtless, this sense of danger accounts for the fear of truth that dominates most people, and compels them instinctively to avoid contact with it. This, also, may account for the fact that truth is commonly pictured at the bottom of a well, where it can neither molest nor be molested.

There are natural safeguards that serve to protect one from being flooded and overwhelmed by the truth. The quality and quantity of truth one can receive and assimilate is determined by his development, or his measure of expansion. One may, from the universal reservoir, fill his individual vessel; but its size limits its receptivity and determines its draining capacity.

Each demand on the infinite ocean of truth is a finite one, and what each individual receives at any time is limited ever by the demand he makes. Through striving, one may grasp a truth he is unprepared to assimilate, but it will prove an unsatisfactory investment and result in suffering until either he relinquishes the slight hold he has upon it, or as a result of his further development he assimilates it.

Great truths are realized by greatly developed souls only. All truths demand comfortable quarters, and the more comprehensive the truth, the greater the individual expansion necessary for its assimilation. Before an individual could encompass infinite truth, he would expand until he was scattered to the confines of the Universe.

The Betrothal

In the first morning of the race,
Sorrow and Love met face to face—
And Love, begirt with rose and leaf,
Shrank from the sombre eyes of Grief.

Yet the dark wooer won his bride,
And o'er this planet, side by side,
With tears and smiles, with pain and bliss,
They keep their strange betrothal kiss.

—William Hamilton Hayne.

The distinctive characteristics of the man of profound originality is not that he speaks his own thoughts, but that he speaks my thought; not that he surprises me with novel ideals and phrases, but that he makes me acquainted with myself.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

Life is expression, and repression is stagnation—death.—Elbert Hubbard.

The very basis of spirituality of life is that of the moral qualities. To be just, honest, faithful and reliable are the only possible foundation for any true spirituality of life.—Lillian Whiting.

Men do not differ so much in the possession of opportunities as in clearness of sight to discern them and the force to make the most of them. This world can never be commonplace save to the dull and the unseeing.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

It is immoral to do clumsily that which we ought to do skilfully, to do carelessly that which ought to be done with consummate patience, to be satisfied with ugliness when beauty is within reach.—Hamilton Wright Mabie.

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One Curse of the Word—To-morrow

How many readers of "Our" Magazine can honestly say that the word "to-morrow" has not interfered with their lives?

The thing which has no real existence, the day which you will never see, is to-morrow. Yet how often you wait for that day which will never be here?

You should begin some new work and you think you will begin it—to-morrow.

You ought to give up some foolish custom and you think you will do so—to-morrow.

The dearest of all nations is Spain, and in Spain the national word is to-morrow.

To-morrow is the soft lounge on which the weak human will lie down to rest.

The power, the dangerous influence of the word to-morrow is fortunately not a sign of going backward. It is a sign that we are not yet fully developed mentally.

It takes an effort of the brain to say of a disagreeable thing, "I will do it to-day."

The will, the expression of the soul's intellectual purpose, is the most recently developed feature of the human being and it is often the weakest.

Our primitive animal faculties have full swing and "to-morrow" does not interfere with them. The man who wants to eat, or drink, or indulge himself in any animal attraction has no thought of to-morrow. His animal will is well developed, and when the animal is in command to-day rules.

Unfortunately to-morrow controls the mental processes and therefore the processes which are most important.

It is hard to reform, so we say, "I shall reform to-morrow."

A million men say every day, "I mean to save money and live more sensible. I will begin to-morrow."

There is no need to spin out into words an analysis of the world-wide "thief of time."

If this picture and what has already been written can persuade a hundred thousand young men to try to-day to cut to-morrow out of their list of words, a most useful work will have been done.

Take this for a motto: "I shall not think of to-morrow, for to-morrow can never come. My only possession is to-day and I will do all that I can in it. I will not lull myself to sleep promising myself about a time that will never come. I shall be a man of to-day."

The Port of Last Sleep

That port of sleep from which no anchor is ever lifted.—Anonymous.

Oh, silence vast, oh, dreamy past,
Oh, port of sleep before me,
The waters wide of your sure tide
Are slowly creeping o'er me;
Only one star whose gleam afar
Across the waters drifted,
That port of sleep, whose silence keeps
An anchor never lifted.

Dark shadows fall, but over all
My star is softly gleaming,
Its steady light illumines the night,
Fair star of hopes sure beaming;
That boatman pale—that never fails—
Each day has nearer drifted,
That port of sleep, whose silence keeps
An anchor never lifted.

Beyond the tide fair dreams abide,
Green meadows faintly showing,
And lilies fair bloom everywhere;
With love's own roses growing;
Oh, future peace, where worries cease,
Where youth's fond dreams have drifted,
Safe port of sleep, whose silence keeps
An anchor never lifted.

—Leslie Griswold.

In universal love there is universal music, an abiding peace, harmony and melody. There is no better way to love the great God than to love all life-manifestations, the world, all worlds, the universe.—The Blissful Prophet.

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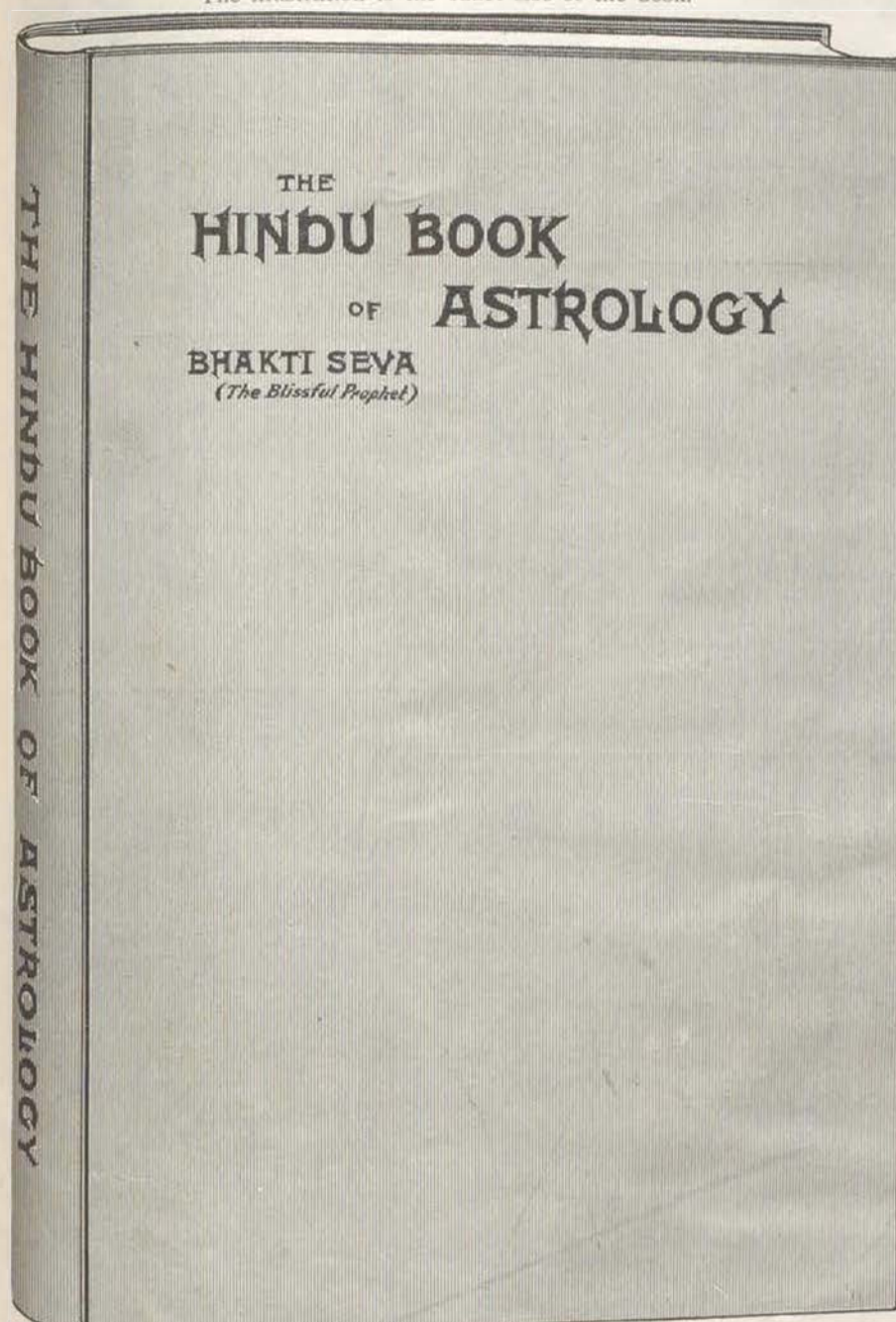
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